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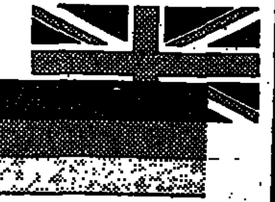
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Outraged MPs hear of Libyan murder suspects' immunity

● The police have narrowed down the murderer of WPC Yvonne Fletcher to two people occupying the Libyan People's Bureau on April 17.

● Guns, ammunition and the remnants of an extensive arsenal were found by the police while searching the bureau.

● Mrs Thatcher has ordered an internal review by the Cabinet Office of the Government's conduct immediately before the shooting.

● St James's Square returned to normal as the blue tarpaulins which have blocked the square came down Page 2

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, disclosed yesterday to a House of Commons united in outrage and a sense of impotence that the police believed that one of two occupants of the Libyan People's Bureau in London murdered Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher.

However, they did not have the evidence to sustain a prosecution; and that in any case both suspects had diplomatic immunity.

He was heard in grim silence as he described the evidence of murder, including a spent cartridge case found in the room from which the gun was fired.

For two hours Mr Brittan, the Prime Minister, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, took turns to try to satisfy MPs that everything possible had been done to forestall the violence in St James's Square on April 17 and to guard against a repetition. They did not wholly succeed on either count.

For her part, Mrs Margaret Thatcher had already announced an internal review, directed from the Cabinet Office, of the Government's conduct immediately before the shooting from the bureau, including the assessment of intelligence reports.

But, in a letter to Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democrats, she refused his request for an independent inquiry by privy councillors and said it might well be inappropriate on security grounds to make known the outcome of the present review.

She promised him that if there were lessons to be learnt about handling, disseminating, and assessing intelligence the necessary changes would be made.

In the Commons later she and the other minister resisted pressure from all the Opposition parties for an independent inquiry, which Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said was surely necessary if the House and the country were to judge the adequacy of the Government's response to the warnings it had received.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that many would conclude that the Government was engaged in a cover-up.

Mr Brittan's measured tightening of controls on Libyan citizens in Britain were well received on both sides of the House.

He hoped that his measures would serve also as a warning to citizens of other countries that they would not be allowed to bring political violence into Britain.

The Home Secretary also said that he would speed his review of the laws governing public order, which he now expects to be complete in a month or so. But he doubted if it would be right to discriminate, as had been suggested, against demonstrations by foreigners.

Sir Geoffrey Howe appeared to be on less firm ground.

Mr Denis Healey, Labour's shadow Foreign Secretary, was severe enough, saying that Sir Geoffrey's "miserable story" would have merited his impeachment in a more robust age.

Sir Geoffrey's response was to accuse Mr Healey of making use of hindsight; Mr Healey had not drawn attention before, Sir Geoffrey said, to the unwisdom of allowing the bureau to remain open.

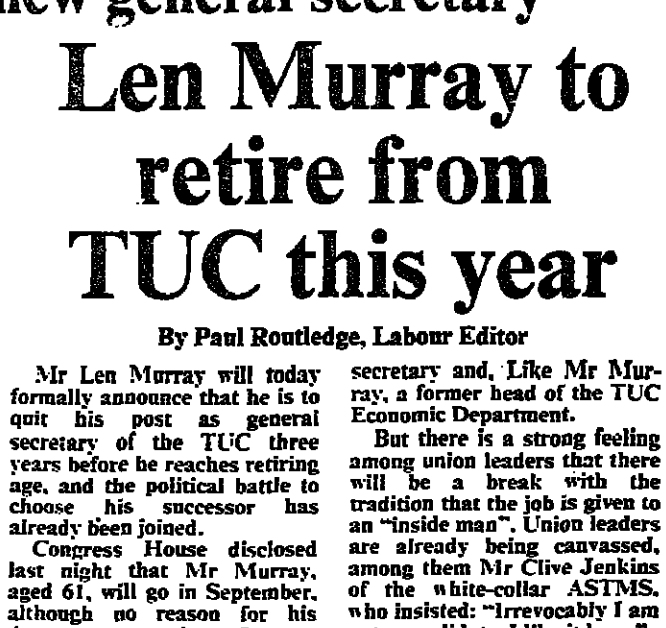
As to the future, Sir Geoffrey had little that was positive to report, beyond the blocking of fresh defence contracts with the Libyans. Under questioning, he could not say when, if ever, his promised review of the Vienna Convention and diplomatic immunities would yield results.

Among specific measures announced by Mr Brittan and Sir Geoffrey were:

● **Speedy review of public order law.**
● **Shorter stays for Libyan visitors.**
● **Tighter controls on Libyan students.**
● **Possible registration with police.**
● **No new defence exports to Libya.**
● **Review of Vienna Convention.**
● **New controls on foreign missions in Britain.**
● **Pressure for European and international action.**

Lobbying begins for new general secretary

Len Murray to retire from TUC this year



By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Mr Len Murray will today formally announce that he is to quit his post as general secretary of the TUC three years before he reaches retiring age, and the political battle to choose his successor has already been joined.

Congress House disclosed last night that Mr Murray, aged 61, will go in September, although no reason for his departure was given. In contacts with TUC heads of departments last week, he indicated that poor health was the main factor, but his moderate policies have come under sharp fire in recent months.

The post has always been filled from within the TUC by "Buggins's Law", rule that the most senior deputy takes over the top job. However, the contest for a new general secretary is regarded as wide open and lobbying is under way.

The names of Mr Gavin Laird, aged 51, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and Mr Alastair Graham, aged 41, leader of the Civil and Public Services Association, are being mentioned as likely candidates among centre-right TUC politicians. Another outside prospect is Mr Alex Ferry, aged 53, general secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, who was pipped at the post by Mr Jim Mortimer for genersl secretaryship of the Labour Party.

The strongest candidates from within the TUC bureaucracy are thought to be Mr Ken Graham, aged 61, assistant general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, aged 51, deputy general secretary, and Mr David Lea, aged 46, also assistant general secretary and, like Mr Murray, a former head of the TUC Economic Department.

But there is a strong feeling among union leaders that there will be a break with the tradition that the job is given to an "inside man". Union leaders are already being canvassed, among them Mr Clive Jenkins of the white-collar ASTMS, who insisted: "Irrevocably I am not a candidate. I like it here."

The time-table for electing a successor lays down a July 16 deadline for mominations. Only affiliated unions may nominate, and there has never been a contested election in the TUC's 16-year history.

Some sources were suggesting last night that Mr Murray had timed his unexpected announcement to "bounce" the unions into picking Mr Lea, who is regarded as his favourite son in the contest. Others, however, point to recent disagreements between the general secretary and some key general council committees as supporting reasons for poor health for his decision.

Mr Murray suffered a mild heart attack in June, 1976, but has not appeared to be ill in recent months. He was his usual acerbic self with the media at post-genmeral council briefings.

In the wake of Mr Neil Kinnock's election as leader of the Labour Party, some union leaders are looking for a similar "generation jump" to give the TUC a more modern image. If they get their way, the post will be filled by an up-and-coming trade union official who is not associated in the public mind with disputes that have tarnished the Labour movement.

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Mr Murray leaving Congress House last night (Photograph: Chris Harris)

4,000 jobs to go at BR workshops

British Rail Engineering confirmed 4,000 redundancies spread over the next three years. The Swindon workshops are almost certain to close with 2,300 jobs lost, but that decision will be delayed for two years. However 900 jobs in Glasgow and 500 in Derby will go because of falling orders from British Rail.

Threat to post

The Post Office faces disruption because of a call for industrial action by the main union, representing 160,000 workers, who have rejected a 4 per cent pay offer.

Exam reform

Sir Keith Joseph unfolded plans for advanced supplementary, or AS level, examinations in a reform aimed at widening sixth form studies Page 3



Arms cache yields clue to bureau gunman's identity

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A police search of the Libyan People's Bureau in London yesterday uncovered an array of arms, ammunition and equipment indicating the remnants of an extensive arsenal which vanished in diplomatic baggage last week.

Forensic scientists also found evidence that a weapon had recently been fired from a window on the first floor of the building in St James's Square. They are conducting tests on a 9mm cartridge case found near the window. It is thought to have come from the gun which killed WPC Yvonne Fletcher and wounded 11 others two weeks ago.

Part of the equipment found during the detailed search, which started after a check showed the building was clear of booby traps, included magazines and pistol grips for two 9mm Sterling sub-machine guns. Detectives believe one of the Sterlings may have been the murder weapon.

In the aftermath of the 11-day siege a senior police source yesterday disclosed that negotiations over unhindered passage for diplomatic baggage had been one of the key sticking points for the Libyans inside the bureau. The police believe that the bags contained a considerable amount of material.

Left behind, often well hidden in the 70 rooms of the bureau, were six hand guns, more than 70 rounds of live ammunition including "dum dum" bullets, eight sets of body armour and various magazines of ammunition.

The weapons were described as three Colt Cobras, a Smith and Wesson .32, a Browning self-loading pistol and a Beretta pistol. After the finds were announced Commander William Hucklesby, head of Scotland Yard's squad, said it was possible more weapons would be uncovered in a search that could take days.

The dozen officers taking part in the search began their task in a building which showed signs of a hasty exit.

Papers and files were stwren on the floors of some rooms. Police believe thay found the cartridge case because the Libyans had been careless in collecting evidence after the shooting. The cartridge was tucked in a corner of carpeting.

It is understood that the police did not hear discussions inside the bureau which revealed the name of the killer although they gathered sufficient information to narrow it down to four and now two of the Libyans, who left the bureau on Friday.

If police eventually confirm an identity it is possible the man will be named after consultations with the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Attorney General.

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CBI expects buoyant year ahead

**By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent**

Britain's manufacturing industry, booming after four years of recession, is enjoying its most widespread increase in orders and optimism since 1977, says the Confederation of British Industry.

The CBI's latest quarterly trends survey, regarded as one of the most reliable indicators of industrial health, shows that manufacturers are heading for a relatively bumper year.

Despite the miners' strike, more than a third of respondents to the latest survey are now more optimistic about prospects than four months ago, with only 10 per cent less optimistic.

For five successive quarterly surveys, the CBI has recorded greater optimism.

But, once again, business leaders are circumspect. The recovery is fragile and from a very low base and, says the CBI, "we have a very long way to go."

Some companies see the better times lasting well into 1985. But Mr Kenneth Edwards, deputy director-general of the CBI, said yesterday: "There is a confidence, but people mostly are looking only about six months ahead."

In a clear message of springtime cheer, which the Government undoubtedly will interpret as a vindication of economic policies, manufacturers are reporting much healthier order books, higher output, partial restocking and rasing exports

Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI's economic situation committee, said yesterday: "We must remember that this improvement has been from the desperately low base of a year ago.

Rivals clash as 6,000 rebel pitmen jeer union chiefs

By Paul Routledge and Craig Seton

The split in the mineworkers' union over the "rolling strike" came into violent public focus yesterday when moderate pitmen staged a "right to work" demonstration outside the offices of the Nottinghamshire area.

Mounted police were called in to keep the warring factions apart as strikers staged a counter-demonstration on the sports field behind the Mansfield headquarters of the National Union of Mineworkers.

About 1,500 strikers gathered to show their backing for the stoppage, now in its eighth week, but four times their number were there to protest against being valled out by their area leader. The moderates carried placards saying: "Adolf Scargill" and "Nottinghamshire miners have a lot of bottle".

Mr Henry Richardson, left-wing area general secretary of the union, told the anti-strike contingent: "You are the only friends Ian MacGregor has got. It is about time you acted like bloody men and showed your solidarity with other miners."

Mr Ray Chadburn, area president, urged the miners to take their protest to the coal board's headquarters in London, but the non-strikers shouted "Resign", "Traitor" and "We're off to work tomorrow."

An estimated 5,000 to 7,000 non-striking Nottinghamshire miners marched on the Mansfield headquarters. The inevitable confrontation exposed the deep and increasingly bitter rift in the traditionally moderate coal field. Most of its 34,000 miners have continued to work normally and are demanding a national ballot while many others – estimated by the NCB at between 1,000 and 3,000 – have joined the strike.

Police estimated that the total number of miners involved in yesterday's demonstration at Mansfield reached 10,000. Another 1,000 on their way from Derbyshire and Yorkshire to support striking colleagues in Nottinghamshire were turned back. Nine arrests were made

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Bogotá murder

Colombia declared a state of siege after the Justice Minister was assassinated in Bogotá by gunmen believed to have been hired by drug racketeers Page 6

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Hotels are to lose the privilege of having all their television sets covered by one licence. New regulations may allow fewer than five sets per licence Page 2

Speeding it up

John Woodcock defends the minimum overs ruling introduced by the Test and County Cricket Board to speed up play in county matches Page 18

350,000 teachers upset classes

By Colin Hughes

Most of the 24,000 schools in England and Wales were disrupted yesterday by industrial action by around 350,000 teachers.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, speaking in the Commons, effectively ruled out arbitration and accused the teachers of being "irresponsible and unprofessional."

The immediate effects of sanctions by the two largest teachers' unions over this year's 4.5 per cent pay offer and the employers' refusal to agree to arbitration, varied between individual schools and local education authorities.

In rural areas some schools were forced to close for a half-day or send large numbers of children home at lunchtime. Cancellation of school lunches, classes, and extra-curricular activities, was widespread throughout the 104 education authorities.

The first sanctions to bite are the refusal to supervise pupils at lunchtime and refusal to cover for absent colleagues. In London the lunch sanction led many large comprehensives to cancel school lunches altogether, or serve only free school meals.

Other authorities, including Oxford and Surrey, said the good weather was making it easier to release children at lunchtime. Pupils were making do with sandwiches or takeaway meals. In Cleveland 40,000 of the 70,000 pupils went without school meals, but classes were unaffected.

Some schools are sending home large groups of pupils. Holland Park Comprehensive in west London, for example, sent home a complete year group yesterday, and another, Kidbroke, in south-east London, has decided to send 100 pupils a day home because of teachers' refusal to cover.

At least five London schools are switching to an extended "Continental day", with pupils going home at 1.30pm, missing lunch.

Pay talks broke up in deadlock on Monday, and the

Police mar Walesa's day out

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Lech Walesa took to the Gdansk streets yesterday, infiltrating a Communist May Day march, as Polish police used water cannons, tear-gas and rubber batons to disperse Solidarity supporters across the nation.

Protesters a few yards behind Mr Walesa were arrested but he emerged unscathed. The Government said only 8,000 Solidarity sympathizers were envolved.

Mr Walesa said the Gdansk march was a great success, adding that police had three times attacked the infiltrators but failed to stop them embarrassing the party leadership. The authorities hailed May Day as a victory.

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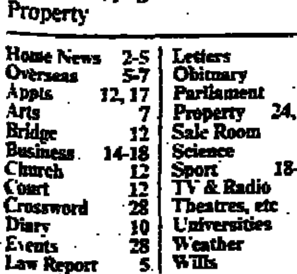
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M&S plans to issue credit card

By Our City Staff

Marks and Spencer, the chain store, is to issue its own credit card for the first time in its 100 years.

The card – known as the Marks and Spencer charge card – will go on trial at the chain's Scottish stores next month. If successful, the scheme will be extended throughout Britain next year.

The trial will be operated for the chain by a company in the Bank of Scotland Group.

Lord Sieff, who steps down as chairman in July, announced record pretax profits of £279.3m yesterday and a 22.5 per cent increase in dividends.

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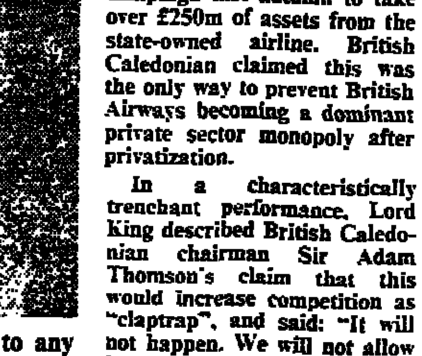
BA tops world airlines profit league

**By Jonathan Davis
Financial Correspondent**

British Airways claimed the title of the world's most profitable airline yesterday after reporting a sharp increase in after-tax profits last year from £51m to £181m. The results will give British Ariways' 37,000 employees bonuses totalling £17m – an average of £460 each – under its pioneering profit-sharing scheme introduced last year.

Lord King, the airline's chairman, made it clear, however, that he would resist to the end any attempt to break up the airline before it is privatized and sold to stock market investors next year.

Speaking at a press conference to announce the record results, he appeared to hint at one point that he would resign if the airline was forced by the Government to surrender any of its routes or aircraft to other British airlines. He later denied, however, that resignation was in his mind.



Lord King: opposed to any break-up

The possibility of British Airways being stripped of some of its assets has become a live political issue since British Caledonian, the independent British airline, launched a campaign last autumn to take over £250m of assets from the state-owned airline. British Caledonian claimed this was the only way to prevent British Airways becoming a dominant private sector monopoly after privatization.

In a characteristically trenchant performance, Lord King described British Caledonian chairman Sir Adam Thomson's claim that this would increase competition as "claptrap", and said: "It will not happen. We will not allow it".

The Government will not have the blessing of me or my board to take away anything from British Airways", he said. "I would regard it as a resignation issue, but whether I would resign, I don't know. My philosophy is that I accept resignations, I don't submit them".

Yesterday's results show that British Airways made an operating profit (that is, before interest, taxation and special items) of £272m, up from £174m in the previous year. This is somewhat in excess of the £250m operating profit which Lord King has repeatedly said is the minimum profit level needed to make the airline a saleable commodity

The flotation is provisionally scheduled for spring next year, and Lord King said: "The results are such that I have every confidence that we shall be an attractive investment not only for the investing public but also for our own employees".

With the help of a revaluation of part of its aircraft fleet, British Airways is now no longer technically insolvent, as it was last year. It still has debts of £900m, but its balance sheet liabilities no longer exceed its assets.

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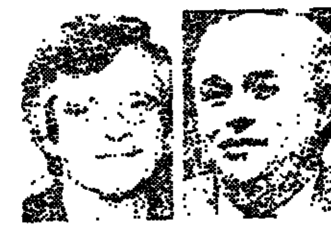
Battle to find Murray's successor

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

The search for a new general secretary of the TUC got under way last night after the surprise announcement that Mr Len Murray is to retire early.

Jockeying for position has started, but there are 11 weeks to go before the deadline for nominations expires on July 16, and new candidates are certain to enter the field.

The claims of several leading contenders for the position, drawn from within the TUC headquarters and from the wider labour movement were last night being discussed, and brief details are given below.



● An increasing prominent right-winger on the general council has been Mr Alistair Graham (left), aged 41, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, the largest civil service union. His candidature however would be contentious and fiercely opposed by the left.

● Mr Murray succeeded to the leadership from the deputy general secretary's job: the present deputy, Mr Norman Willis (right), aged 51, is likely to have a similar ambition. He is a former head of research at the Transport Workers Union.



● One of the prominent "insiders" who could run for the leadership is Mr Ken Graham (left), assistant general secretary, but at 61 he may feel that the chance has passed him by.

● Mr Gavin Laird (right), aged 51, the moderate secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Workers, has been much in the shadow of the union's president, Mr Terence Duffy. But his deference has not been caused by any lack of ambition

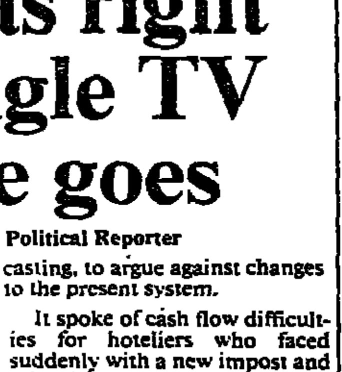


● Mr Tony Christopher (left), leader of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, has made no secret of his ambition to become general secretary of the TUC. Firmly on the right of the movement, he has established himself as a polished television performer.

● Mr David Lea (right), aged 46, one of the two assistant general secretaries, is expected to stand for election by the congress. He has been a joint secretary of the TUC-Labour Party Liaison Committee since 1972.

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Huge costs for hotels as right to a single TV licence goes



By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government is to remove the privilege that allows hotels to have all the television sets on their premises covered by a single licence.

Changes that will cost the hotel trade many millions of pounds are expected to be announced soon by Ministers: a new scale of fees will mean hoteliers having to take out licences for a given number of sets.

It is expected that the number of sets to be covered on one licence will be fewer than five. That would mean that hotels, such as the Savoy in London, which have more than 200 rooms with colour televisions (at present covered by one £46 licence) would have to take out more than 40 licences.

Action was foreshadowed in a letter sent last night by the Prime Minister to Mr Max Madden, Labour MP for Bradford West.

She told him that Home Office ministers felt that the present arrangements were not satisfactory "and are considering whether hotels should pay fees which bear some relationship to the number of television sets which are installed in guests' rooms".

The British Hotels, Restaurants, and Caterers Association disclosed last night that it had had two meetings with Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Office minister responsible for broadcasting, to argue against changes to the present system.

It spoke of cash flow difficulties for hoteliers who faced suddenly with a new impost and said that it could mean that some hotel modernization improvement schemes, which were always being urged by the Government and the tourist authorities, would have to be postponed or abandoned.

An official added that three quarters of people staying in hotels were British, most of whom would already have paid licences for their own sets.

How much revenue will be raised will depend on the final details of the scheme. When Lord Whitelaw, then Home Secretary, said in a Commons debate in 1981 that the sum that could be brought in by charging hotels for their individual sets was £8m the figure was challenged by the Opposition, which said it was much higher.

Mr Madden, whose plea for free television licences for pensioners was rejected by the Prime Minister in her letter, said that extra revenue from the hotels would help to offset the cost of concessionary licences.

The change will not require primary legislation. The Home Secretary would amend existing legislation by laying regulations before Parliament.



Another President with clay figures in a tomb

VAT relief on heritage buildings

By Christopher Warman.

Listed buildings, including historic and stately homes, are to be excluded from the Government's proposals to charge 15 per cent value-added tax on building alterations, Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister of State at the Treasury, announced in the House of Commons yesterday.

The tax is due to take effect on June 1, but the proposed concession will not apply to buildings in conservation areas which are not themselves listed

The government's change of mind followed strong pressure form amenity groups, such as Save Britain's Heritage, and came after Mr Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Rutland and Melton, had put down an amendment to the Finance Bill seeking exemption for churches, charities, listed and historic buildings.

Mr Latham had argued that zero rating would help to preserve Britain's heritage of fine architecture. The Historic Buildings Commission estimated that the concession would cost the Exchequer only £20m of the estimated £450m yield from the tax, he said.

Mr Hayhoe told the Commons, during a debate on the committee stage of the Bill, that the Government would consider a concession to exclude listed buildings between now and the report stage.

£25,900 for sconces at Belton

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A pair of Queen Anne silver sconces or candleholders, which formed part of the original furnishings of Belton House in Lincolnshire, were sold in Christie's sale there yesterday for £25,920 (estimate £15,000-£25,000) to a Continental dealer.

The magnificent Restoration house was built by Sir John Brownlow and completed about 1688.

The sconces each have handsome armorial back plate and a curved arm to hold the candle in front of it. They bear the maker's mark of Phillip Rollos

Pictures from the Brownlow collections made up yesterday afternoon's sale. The Dutch paintings which had been bought in The Netherlands in 1754 by Sir Henry Bankes, father-in-law of the first Baron Brownlow, secured the top prices. An "Interior with a Cavalier", by Gerrit Lundens, went for £48,600 (estimate £15,000-£25,000) to J. Van Haeften, a London dealer.

● In London on Monday the Sheffield City Art Gallery secured a group of four cartoons of the Beatles. They were painted in acrylic emulsion on celluloid for the Beatles' film *The Yellow Submarine*. "George" and "Ringo" cost the museum £320 apiece

City tower 'obsession' under fire

By John Young

One man's "obsession" to create a lasting monument to modernism in the heart of the City of London was assailed by lawyers representing the City Corporation, the Greater London Council and the Mercers' Company at the opening of a public inquiry at Guildhall yesterday.

The inquiry is into an appeal against the rejection of planning permission for a redevelopement scheme close to the Mansion House, which would include a 20-storey tower block disigned by the late Mies van der Rohe.

Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC, for the corporation said that, although it had approved a similar scheme 15 years ago, it had now come round to the view that the scheme was wholly inappropriate. Its change of mind reflected a change in public opinion, which was now in favour of conservation and against the comprehensive redevelopemt of historic city centres.

"The brave new world that we were promised by certain architects and planners has been found to be sadly wanting in scale, individuality, ornament, and vitality", he said.

Mr Raymond Sears, QC, for the GLC, said that the dream of the appellant, Mr Peter Palumbo, "which of course has become an obsession, should not be permitted to become a reality".

It did not accord with the council's office development policy set out under the Greater London Development Plan. The role of architects was not a predominant one, being subservient to the public interest, and they should not be allowed to dictate what happened to cities.

Mr Michael Ogden, QC, for the Mercers' Company, said the proposed tower building was far too high and its acceptance would make proposals for other tall buildings around St Paul's Cathedral difficult to resist.

Unions set to meet over Ravenscraig

A final attempt is to be made today to avert a serious confrontation between steel and miners' unions over coal supplies to the Ravenscraig steelworks in Scotland.

The meeting of the triple alliance of rail, steel and miners' unions was agreed yesterday an hour before the noon deadline after which steelmen threatened to bring in coal by road.

A 50-strong miners' picket turned up at the plant and checked vehicles entering through its back gate. The picket was good humoured and there were no incidents.

Inside, officials of the main steel union, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, discussed the miners' refusal to make the plant a special case.

Shop stewards' convener at the plant, Mr Tommy Brennan, said the present limit of one trainload of coal a day was not acceptable and that steelmen would bring coal in by road if production was threatened.

Officials of the Scottish TUC are understood to have spent the day in negotiations to force the National Union of Mineworkers to increase its coal limit and to patch-up what threatens to be a serious rift.

No official of the Transport and General Workers' Union was available to comment on whether or not lorry driver members would be instructed to cross picket lines if the current impasse between the miners and steelmen continues.

The atmosphere remains bitter and Mr Clive Lewis, ISTC Scottish officer, said that the latest limit on coal supplies, imposed last Friday, would halt production at the plant.

The banking-down of the plant's two blast furnaces and the shut-down of up to two coke ovens would cause substantial damage. Mr Lewis claimed British Steel would likely use the resulting repair bill as an excuse to close Ravenscraig.

Dr Jeremy Bray, Labour MP for Motherwell South, yesterday appealed to the miners to lift their coal limit to safeguard Ravenscraig's future.

He said: "It must be understood that everybody in the Labour Party and the trade union movement wishes to see the miners win their case. At the same time in the tactics we choose we don't want to cut our own throats by losing pits more than Mr MacGregor could, by losing markets, namely a major steel works."

Signalman crashes runaway train

A British Rail signalman yesterday deliberately crashed a runaway train at 65 mph to stop it from hurtling into a mainline station.

Mr Bill Taylor, aged 58, had only four mintes to prevent disaster when a freight train on its way from Liverpool to Glasgow, carrying lethal chemicals split in two at Southwaite as it approached Carlisle station at 5.30 am.

He let the first part of the train, pulled by two locomotives, enter the station and diverted the runaway section, on to a goods line where it plunged 20ft into the Caldew.

No one was hurt, but a mile of track was ripped up, overhead power lines pulled down, and two parapets of a bridge demolished.

The train was extensively damaged, but a tanker carrying Octel, a dangerous petrol additive, was left intact.

Wagons containing another chemical, bonacid, were ruptured, spilling the liquid into the water.

Food laced with drugs at school, nurse says

From Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent
Harrogate

Schoolchildren's sweets, milk and packed lunches were being doctored with illegal drugs at a big comprehensive school on the Wirral in Cheshire to drag them into the drug scene, the Royal College of Nursing was told at its annual congress in Harrogate yesterday.

Mrs Dorothy Crowther, a nurse-tutor at Clatterbridge Hospital, and a member of the College's council, said her family doctor had told her that "numerous" children had come to him with symptoms of being under the influence of drugs.

"The idea seems to be to get them hooked first of all and then approach the children and say: 'You know the effect those sweets had on you the other day, well why don't you try some of this?'"

Mrs Crowther said she was "horrified" at what was happening but that the scandal was being hushed up. "It is not being publicized because the school does not want it publicized," she said. She believed it should be exposed but did not want to name the school herself because her 18-year-old daughter was taking A-levels there this year.

Her claims came as the congress unanimously backed a call for tougher action by the Government to stop the illegal importation of heroin into Britain.

Mrs Crowther said she learnt of the trouble at the school when her daughter became listless d tired early this year.

Her daughter turned out to have glandular fever, but the doctor told her that cartons of milk were being injected with drugs, sweets were being doctored and packed lunches tampered with.

Liverpool beats the clock

Twenty-four hours before the Queen's arrival to open Liverpool's International Garden Festival, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday returned to see how the seed he planted as Secretary of State for the Environment, had bloomed.

After viewing the site from the conning tower of the yellow submarine, a tribute to the Beatles, Mr Heseltine said: "We have here a quite remarkable achievement. What Liverpool and Merseyside have done is a triumph against the clock. I think Liverpudlians are wonderful.

He defended the decision to spend £30m on the six-month festival instead of on long-term projects to help unemployment, saying that "a cancerous 800 acres of rotting decline and dereliction" had been turned into "a most exciting urban renewal scheme in this country in this century".

"There has been a transformation here, people don't expect miracles, this is a beginning", he added. "You cannot solve instantly long and deep-seated problems. It's going to be of massive benefit to Merseyside and of benefit to the country as a whole.

Judge backs use of supergrasses

Mr Justice Brian Hutton defended the use of "supergrasses" in Northern Ireland yesterday after convicting 10 Londonderry terrorists of crimes including murder on evidence from the Provisional IRA informer, Robert Quigley.

He said convictions on informers' statements had been permitted for 200 years and said of Mr Quigley: "Because of his evidence a number of dangerous men who would have been a grave threat . . . will go to prison". He will sentence the men today.

Abolishing councils 'will save £20m'

From Hugh Clayton, Local
Government Correspondent, Birmingham

Conservative council leaders issued yesterday what they hoped would be a vote-winning estimate of manpower savings that would result from the proposed abolition of the English metropolitan county councils in two years' time.

They published an £18,000 report from Price, Waterhouse, the City accountants, which foresaw a cut in three of the six counties' of 3,500 jobs. They council leaders said that would lead to savings of about £20m a year.

A third of the seats on the 36 district councils in the metropolitan counties will be contested in the local government elections tomorrow.

Mr Robert Meacham, Conservative leader of Solihull council denied that the report, completed in fortnight, was a hasty electoral gimmick.

"You ask people what they think", he said. "They do not want an extra tier of local government.

The council leaders were speaking at a press conference organized in Birmingham by eight leaders of Conservative groups which control district councils in the metropolitan counties of West Midlands, Merseyside and Greater Manchester.

Dissolution of the Metropolitan Counties (City of Birmingham Development Unit, Council House, Birmingham 1; no price).

After the siege

Flowers for victims as life resumes

By Michael Horsnell

A bunch of bluebells and daffodils in a glass vase was yesterday placed by an elderly woman, close to the spot where policewoman Yvonne Fletcher died two weeks ago, as life began its slow return to normal in St James's Square.

Police completed their initial search of the Libyan People's Bureau and the huge blue tarpaulins which have blocked all entrances to the square came down. Office workers were allowed to return to their desks.

Only the eight buildings on either side of the bureau at the northern end of the square remained cordoned off but a sympathetic constable allowed the woman to slip under the white tape with her floral tribute which, she said, should be replaced by a permanent memorial.

Tourists looking for bullet marks on the street nearly outnumbered the police as Operation Mars, the most complex of its kind carried out in Britain, neared its frustrating end with the removal of electronic equipment fron No 2 St James's Square where headquarters was established within 30 minutes of the shooting.

The premises house the offices of D'Arcy-MacManus and Masius, the advertising agency situated three doors away from the Libyan People's Bureau, a huge interlocking double-building which stretches halfway down Charles II Street.

save for a few scuff marks on the brown carpet of room 107, the first floor office had been occupied by Deputy Assistant Commissioner Edgar Maybanks, aged 51, the police officer in charge of Operation Mars, there was little indication that here had been the nerve centre of a murder inquiry.

More than 300 officers had occupied the front offices of the five-storey building, including the ground floor, where the manager of the NatWest Bank, which shares the premises with D'Arcy-MacManus and Masius, declined to comment on the use of his branch to accommodate the SAS.

From the doorway of the bank could be seen the fingerprints isolated by Scotland Yard scene of crime officers on the first-floor window of the Libyan bureau from which police are certain the murderer of Yvonne Fletcher, aged 25, took aim.

Commander William Hucklesby, head of the Yard's anti-terrorist squad and a man whose policing instincts have been mortified by the diplomatic protection afforded to WPC Fletcher's killer, went quickly into the Georgian building to examine the 11 fingerprints.

Aware that their near neighbours were at best a volatile bunch, the advertising agency's director of administration, Mr Patrick Jackson-Feilden, and other senior executives, had, after the Iranian Embassy siege, drawn up contingency plans to allow their 450 staff to continue working in siege conditions.

At the outset the company's two connecting buildings were cleared by police and staff were dispersed to its sister agency in Berkeley Street, and to rooms cleared for them at the offices of account clients.

The next day, however, after lengthy negotiations, many of the staff were allowed back into rooms accessible from Charles II Street, though not to any of the offices fronting St James's Square.

No 7 | No 5 | LIBYAN EMBASSY
Listening equipment installed on roof of Simpson department store in Jermyn Street behind Libyan Embassy + roof of D'Arcy-MacManus & Masius Ltd
Shots fired from 2nd window on the left
No 4
No 3
WPC Yvonne Fletcher shot here
No 2
First floor of D'Arcy-MacManus & Masius Ltd building over offices of Nat West bank
Bank of closed circuit tv screens
Negotiating room with telephone and monitoring links with embassy
Desk used by operation Mars co-ordinator Det Supt Colin Reeve
Translators
ST JAMES SQUARE
HQ of deputy assistant commissioner Edgar Maybank
Rooms used for decoding reception of Foreign Office officials, and police support services, and by diplomatic protection unit
Charles II Street

By last Friday up to 300 members of staff were working as normally as possible, scarcely concealing their awe at the direct coded links set up with Downing Street and the Prime Minister when she was in Portugal, the vast array of electronic equipment and the sight of policemen with guns.

Mr Jackson-Feilden told me: "In terms of administration and organization it was a nightmare because we were trying to carry on ut people were always losing touch with us. Still, we managed.

"But the police were tremendously efficient and most courteous, very cool and clear and purposeful. There was no question that they knew what they were about and they just got on with their jobs.

"We knew what we were in for because a lot of the staff saw it happen. We looked down, saw all the casualties and the pandemonium, and realized it was serious. Room 102 was packed with people, building up the identity of those in the bureau, photographs, plans the lot, Incredible."

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Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 39; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

Minister yields on guard for arms factories

By Richard Evans

The Government yesterday submitted to all-party opposition and withdrew its proposal to allow private security firms to guard royal ordnance factories when the are sold in the summer.

Instead, Ministry of Defence police, who protect the 11 factories which produce much of the arms and ammunition for the Services, will continue their protection work for the immediate future.

But in the long term a special guard force, recruited and trained by the new private sector company which takes over control of the factories when the are privatized, will replace the ministry police.

Mr John Lee, Under Secretary for Defence Procurement, announced the changes

Probation care for offenders to be reduced

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government wants the probation service to limit its traditional work in such areas as the after-care of offenders as well as its role in settling matrimonial disputes through conciliation.

Instead, the service is to concentrate on supervising offenders who are given non-custodial penalties, and will ensure that non-custodial measures such as community service orders are used whereever possible.

The new strategy for the service in England and Wales was outlined yesterday by the Home Office in the first statement of priorities and objectives to be made for the 11,000 probation officers and support staff.

Teachers upset classes

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employers are now thought to be waiting to gauge the extent of support among teachers for the industrial action. The biggest test of teachers' resolve comes next Wednesday, when the National Union of Teachers, the largest union, is calling its 235,000 members out on a one-day strike.

In the Commons, Sir Keith said he hoped individual teachers would reflect on the "irresponsible and unprofessional course on which union leaders are now inviting them the embark".

Mr Giles Radice, opposition Educaton Spokesman, said that if the Government and the Department of Education and Science had any confidence in their arguments for keeping the pay rise to 4.5 per cent, they would adopt the traditional course of solving teachers' disputes and go to arbitration.

He said teachers had been insulted by the original 3 per cent offer when 70 per cent of them were paid less than £10,000 a year. Sir Keith had made a "major contribution in talks by vetoing an earlier increase in the offer. The teachers might have accepted 4.5 per cent a month ago.

Mr Douglas McAvoy, deputy general secretary of the National Union of Teachers said Sir Keith's remarks were a "recipe for further conflict".

Joseph unveils new AS level exam to widen curriculum



By Colin Hughes

The Government yesterday issued detailed proposals for creating a new examination for sixth formers and mature students which will broaden the curriculum by supplementing the A levels.

The advanced supplementary, or AS level, will require two years of study, cover at least half the ground of an A level, and be worth half an A level to employers and higher education admissions tutors.

Colleges, universities and polytechnics will be asked to favour those students who take AS levels in addition to A levels when they consider applications. Pupils who sit exclusively science A levels will be encouraged to widen their knowledge and take AS levels in the arts and humanities, and vice versa.

Since 1980 the Government has been considering changes to broaden sixth form studies, but yesterday's document makes their introduction concrete. The outline timetable is for the examining boards and the Secondary Examinations Council to compile syllabuses by the end of the year, with the first pupils starting AS level courses in September, 1986, and sitting the examinations in summer, 1988.

The proposals are subject to agreement with higher education institutions, but Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said he was "reasonably confident" of an enthusiastic response. Higher education bodies will need to adapt their entry requirements to include AS levels as acceptable qualifications.

The boards are being asked initially to form syllabuses in the core subjects, which the department lists as mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, technology, English, French, German, history and geography. In the long term AS level courses will be developed in all subjects where demand is shown, particularly economics, computer sciences and design technology.

Under the present system 76 per cent of A level candidates obtain passes in only science and mathematics, or only the arts and humanities.

Sir Keith hopes that most students would take at least two A levels and one, or more AS levels in contrasting subjects. The one in four pupils who sit four A levels would take three, and two AS levels.

He emphasized that AS levels on their own would not win access to higher education, but expected that many mature students who "flinch" from sitting A levels might be encouraged to sit AS levels instead.

Although the department has made no projections of the effects on demand for tertiary and further education, it is likely to mean more pupils staying on at school and more mature students wanting to undertake courses.

Sir Keith was, however, emphatic that there would be no extra funds to help to redistribute teachers' workload.

Sir Keith's main concern is that the measure does not dilute academic standards, so AS level syllabuses will be matched to the respective A level syllabuses, and will be marked on similar grading structures. The only difference will be that AS levels cover half the ground.

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Head for style: Sarah Barlett, aged four, who turned up in a fancy hat for the May Day parade in Oxford, watching a Morris dancer in the procession with equally exotic head gear. (Photographs: John Vogs) Red Square march, page 6.

Freed sex attackers jailed for life

A man released from Broadmoor hospital after serving 14 years for sexual assaults on two boys, aged 10 and 12 was jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. MPs and the press had campaigned for his freedom.

William Pate aged 42, pleaded guilty to similar offences against a boy aged 13, who he held prisoner for 12 hours.

Pate, of Goldring Court, Hornsey, north London, lured the boy to his home by promising him a paper round and then carried out "dreadful assaults," the court was told. The boy was saved by police who found him hidden under Pate's bed bound and gagged.

Pate, caretaker at Haringey Park Library, pleaded guilty to imprisoning the boy at his home in October, and attempted buggery.

Judge David Tudor Price, the Common Serjeant, said that "The offence was one of great gravity, but he felt that Pate could not help his behaviour and a life sentence would enable him to be released when the authorities saw fit".

Pate's previous sentence was featured in the press in 1978, after he received hormone treatment. It caused him to grow breasts and he underwent a mastectomy to have them removed.

The Pope's 'miracle' pleases nuns

Confusion over seating at a Vatican audience with the Pope led some nuns to suppose that a miracle had taken place, a South Yorkshire doctor said yesterday.

Dr Jan Lavric, from Clayton, near Doncaster, had helped to organize a disabled people's pilgrimage to Rome. During the audience he sat in the only spare seat, a wheelchair. "Suddenly a nun wheeled me off", he said.

Before he could explain, the Pope had blessed him. The Pope then left and Dr Lavric got out of the chair as the nuns tried to wheel him off.

"They said It's a miracle", Dr Lavric said.

Jury told of doctor's private blood donors

Mark Patterson, a consultant at the National Heart Hospital, who is accused of conspiracy to steal blood, claimed he had his own private panel of donors, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The consultant, two senior Army doctors and three other men have denied conspiring to steal blood from the hospital.

The the prosecution alleged that plasma was extracted from the blood supplied by the Blood Transfusion Service and which had mostly come from the Army Blood Supply Depot at Aldershot.

That was sold to a Danish foundation. Nordisk, for £158,000

Mr Gordon Alyward, managing director of Nordisk UK, told the court that Nordisk Insulin Laboratoreum needed plasma to make drugs

Mr Alyward said he rang Dr Patterson to arrange a meeting to discuss contamination and possible future supplies. They had several meetings and at one in the doctor's private consulting rooms in Wimpole Street, London, Dr Patterson told him he maintained a private donor panel.

The accused are Dr Patterson, aged 49, of Cochrane Stree, St John's Wood, London; Lieutenant-Colonel Ernest Parry, aged 60, commanding officer of the Army Blood Supply Depot at Aldershot, and his second in command, Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Thomas, aged 45; Colin Campbell, aged 56, of Scarlett's Lane, Kiln Green, Reading; Leslie Dobson, aged 49, of Peterborough Road, Fulham, London, and John Harris, aged 43, of Stirling Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex.

The hearing continues today.

Three men accused of switching racehorses

From Our Correspondent
York

Three men went on trial yesterday accused of switching horses in a racing swindle. Kenneth Richardson, a racehorse owner, aged 47, staged the switch by entering a three-year-old runner in the name of an outsider called Flockton Grey, the prosecution alleged.

Together with his racing manager, Colin Mathison, and his driver, Peter Boddy, Richardson entered a stronger three-year-old horse called Good Hand which won easily in a two-year-olds' race at Leicester at a meeting in the spring of 1982, the jury heard.

Mr Geoffrey Rivlin, QC, prosecuting, at York Crown Court, said Mr Richardson organized a nationwide betting coup before the race.

"It was a particularly happy success for Richardson who had organized with military precision a considerable amount of off-course betting with substantial bets laid on in various parts of the country," he told the court.

He added: "The jockey will tell of his amazement when he looked round half a furlong from home to find himself many lengths ahead of the field."

The "ringer" horse was brought to the Leicester course only minutes before the race began and driven away minutes after the finish. Contrary to racing rules it had not been trained or even seen by the trainer, Stephen Wiles, who was listed on the official racecard.

Richardson, of Jubilee House, Hutton; Mathison, aged 46, of Wold View Road North, and Boddy, aged 39, of Hazel Close, all in Driffield, North Humberside, deny conspiracy to defraud, and conspiracy to obtain property by deception.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Detectives interview stabbed farmer

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Graham Backhouse, who was taken to hospital with knife wounds on Monday after a neighbour was shot dead in his farmhouse at Horton, near Bristol, was in a satisfactory condition last night and talking to detectives.

The shooting of Mr Colyn Bedale-Taylor was the second incident of violence at Mr Backhouse's dairy farm.

Three weeks ago, Mrs Margaret Backhouse, aged 37, was seriously injured by a car bomb as she reversed the family car out of the garage. She is still in hospital.

That incident followed anonymous telephone threats and warnings to the family. Mr Backhouse, aged 43, even discovered the severed head of a lamb impaled on a fence with a note saying: "You next!"

On Monday night members of Horton village hall committee had gathered for a meeting chaired by Mrs Bedale-Taylor.

Earlier she had been visited by police making routine inquiries about the car bombing.

Mr Derek Robinson, a local author, said: "Mrs Bedale-Taylor was chairing the meeting in her usual enthusiastic way. Suddenly we saw police cars racing up the hill."

Mr Bedale-Taylor had been distressed after his son, Digby, aged 19, was killed when a car in which he was a passenger crashed into an agriculture vehicle near the village two years ago.

Mr Bedale-Taylor, aged 63, made many friends through his hobby of furniture restoring. He had built an outdoor bench for villagers to use during the summer.

Telephone 'mailbox' introduced

By Our Technology Correspondent

Telephone users in the London area can now leave messages on a recording computer for any of the service's customers who in turn will be automatically paged.

The service, which if successful will be extended to the rest of the country, is called Voicebank and uses an American computer system which can hold 40 hours of telephone messages.

Up to seven messages, 25 seconds long, can be stored in the system for up to 12 hours. Subscribers who pay about £35 a quarter can dial a number to play back all the messages on file. With the use of a special keypad, costing £45, they can delete or replay their file.

The voice-mail-box will operate in conjunction with British Telecom's radiopaging service.

Nurses 'are ashamed of uniform'

From Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent
Harrogate

Nurses are ashamed, uncomfortable, exposed, and electrified by the so-called "national" nurses uniform, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday at its annual congress in Harrogate.

The uniform, now worn by 85 per cent of nurses, was unpopular with almost everyone, Miss Norah Casey, the college's student association officer, said after a survey among the college's student members.

It made nurses look like sacks of potatoes, she said; its blue and white check made many call it the J-cloth uniform.

Most were supplied in sizes that were too big, or shrank to be too small when washed.



Running in: Mr Harold Musgrove, Austin Rover's chairman, driving a 1925 MG with Mr Peter Mitchell, managing director of the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust, after Mr Musgrove opened the Austin Rover Group Heritage Trust at Syon Park, south-west London (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

The death of three sisters highlights disturbing trend

Pressure grows on Asian marriages

By Pat Healy, Race Relations Correspondent

An inquest is to be held soon into the deaths of three young Indian sisters found dead on Monday in their family car, after leaving a note blaming their father's departure from the family home Coventry.

The father, Mr Balak Chad Adi, returned to the family home yesterday after reading in Glasgow, where he is now living, of his daughters' deaths.

The tragedy highlights a trend of increasing marriage breakdown among Asian families, despite the close marriage ties to which most adhere. Asian organizations said yesterday that it was still relatively rare for Asian men to leave home, although many would be away for long periods without bothering to tell their wives about their plans.

Miss Pragana Dittle of the Southall Black Women's Centre said yesterday that the pressures on the wives left behind were similar to those of any deserted woman, but with the extra burden of being assumed to be the cause of the desertion.

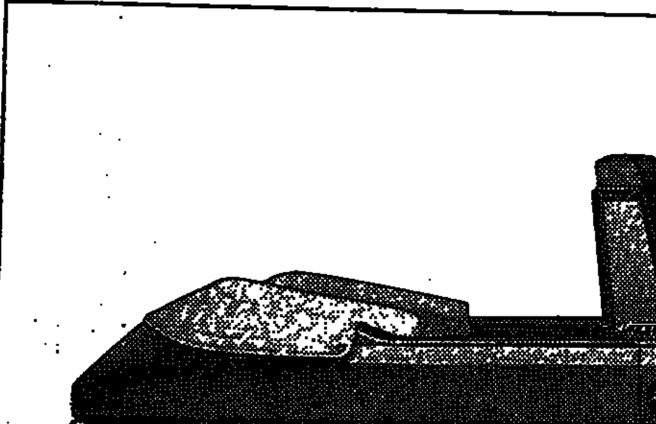
"The women will be blamed by the community and the mother will be left with the burden of wondering who will marry her daughters. It will be one of her biggest fears because it will be impossible to marry her daughters off."

The Indian sisters' suicide note mentioned that they did not want their mother to have the burden of finding arrangements for them, although the matter had not been raised in the family.

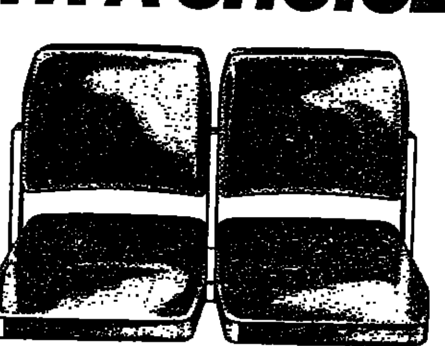
The Southall centre has been offering advice and help to a growing number of Asian and Afro-Caribbean women for just over a year, and has provoked hostility from local Asian men. One reason for that hostility is that it is dealing with women who have decided they will no longer tolerate violence from their husbands and want to leave home.

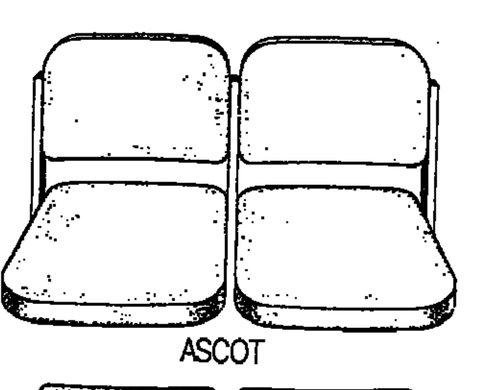
London now has two refuges for battered Asian women. One opened in Harlesden, north-west London, and now provides for up to eight Asian women and ten children. A spokeswoman said yesterday that more Asian marriages were breaking up, partly because women were no longer prepared to tolerate violence from their husbands.

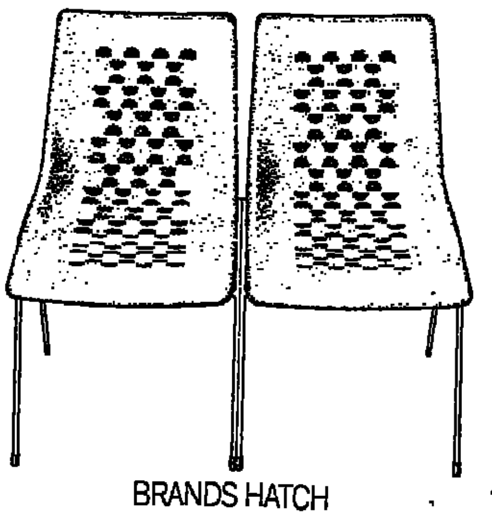
The three girls who died, aged 15, 18 and 22 were discovered holding hands in the back seat of the car, with the engine running and a pipe leading from the exhaust. They signed a long and rambling note saying they could not forgive their father for leaving the family, although they still loved him.

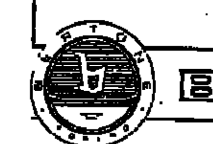












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PM: Intelligence sources must not be compromised

SECURITY

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister, twice refused during Commons questions requests from Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, to set up an inquiry into the circumstances which led to the death of WPC Yvonne Fletcher and the events at the former Libyan Peoples Bureau.

She added that an internal inquiry under the Cabinet Office would see if there were lessons to be learned in the handling of intelligence involving the Libyans but any changes made would probably not be published for security reasons.

Mr Kinnock said there had been widespread disappointment in the Commons and outside, when she let it be known she was not in favour of an independent inquiry.

He added: Will she reconsider that apparent decision and facilitate an inquiry which neither exposes nor compromises the security services but is specifically addressed to the response of the Government to the information which they appear to have received about the activities of the Libyan Peoples' Bureau since it was established in 1979?

Mrs Thatcher: No. We have set up an internal inquiry under the Cabinet Office. Any external inquiry into intelligence matters would risk compromising sources and damaging the effectiveness of the intelligence services. Indeed, it would damage the very cause which most of us seek to protect.

Mr Kinnock: It is difficult to foresee that outcome if the Prime Minister were to commission an inquiry into, as I ask, the Government's responses to the information received during the existence of the Libyan People's Bureau.

Will she accept that an inquiry does not have either to publish the sources or detail of the information but it is surely necessary for the House and the country to discover what was the level of validity of that information and how the Government reacted to it in their instructions, in her instructions, to the police and the security services and in terms of this country's relations with the Republic of Libya?

Mrs Thatcher: No. I have already given instructions for the circumstances leading up to the events of April 17 in St James's Square, including intelligence and other information available, to be thoroughly reviewed.

If there are lessons to be learnt in regard to the arrangements for handling, disseminating and assessing *intelligence*, the necessary changes will be made. I am afraid it may well be inappropriate on security grounds to make public announcement of any such changes.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP: Members of the Franks Committee, let alone other privy councillors will *find it hard to understand how these* inquiries would risk compromising security and damaging the operational effectiveness and efficiency of the service.

If she holds a derisory view of external inquiries, how does she justify at least not asking the Security Commission which was established for this purpose, to investigate these allegations, which she herself, by implication, is accepting have some validity.

Mrs Thatcher: No one has been more forthcoming on intelligence matters than I. Perhaps too forthcoming. The more they are discussed, the more sources are compromised. Dr Owen is aware of an occasion when that may well have happened.

About the Security Commission, its terms of reference are to investigate breaches of security in the public service, normally following a conviction under the Official Secrets Act. I am not prepared to ask them to undertake an inquiry as he has proposed.

Mr Frank Haynes (Ashfield, Lab): The eyes of the nation were on the Libyan Embassy during the siege. The eyes of the nation are on her at this moment, bearing in mind



Kinnock: Inquiry does not have to reveal detail

what the media is saying and what she has just said about a review.

Is this another cover-up by the Conservative Party because of the failure, once again, of the Foreign Office?

Mrs Thatcher: No. I have nothing further to add to what the Home Secretary said. In the difficult circumstances after the terrible events of that day when PC Fletcher was shot, the Home Secretary and the whole Government faced the problem of our people in the embassy in Tripoli. We obviously had to consider their safety - I fully recognize that - and of them coming home safely and of breaking of diplomatic relations with Libya, an almost unprecedented step in the international community, followed *by the deportation of all those from* the People's Bureau.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Health and Social Security Bill, remaining stages. **Lords (2.30):** Debate on diffusion of private property.

WPC's murderer probably had immunity

LONDON SIEGE

The police are of the view that it is likely the murder of Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher in St James Square on April 17 was committed by one of two people who were in the Libyan People's Bureau and both possessed diplomatic immunity, Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, said in a long statement to the Commons.

The searching of the former bureau was continuing and so far, he said, two hand guns and a quantity of ammunition had been discovered. Firearms residue had been found on the carpet below the window from which the weapon was believed to have been fired and a spent cartridge case of the same calibre as the weapon used on April 17 had been found in the same room.

Elsewhere in the building the police had found accessories for sub-machine guns of the same calibre.

Mr Brittan said he had that day signed detention orders against a further six Libyan nationals whom it was intended to deport, and he announced further restrictions for any Libyan nationals who, under the rules, might be considered for visas. He intended to tighten up *immigration control affecting* Libyan students.

At present foreign nationals are normally required to register with the police on arrival only if their period of stay is more than six months. Mr Brittan announced that any Libyan national seeking entry under the new restrictions would be liable to register with the police.

There must be no misunderstanding by those involved (he declared) of the swift and serious consequences of future misbehaviour. Libyan nationals required to register with the police will be asked to sign a declaration recognizing the consequences of their indulging in violence for political reasons, and their intention not to do so. This document will be affixed to the police registration form.

This should also be a warning to the nationals of other countries. I am ready to apply similar restrictions to others who are demonstrably bringing into Britain their own political violence.

Mr Brittan said that as he made clear last Wednesday, the police's view was that they would not be able to obtain evidence to sustain a prosecution for the murder of WPC Fletcher without co-operation of those concerned in the bureau.

None of the police inquiries since then, whether at Sunningdale, St James's Square or elsewhere have altered the position (he said). The police remain of the view that there is not sufficient evidence to sustain a prosecution against any individual. Nonetheless, they are of the view that it is likely that the murder was committed by one of two people who were in the Bureau. Both of these possessed diplomatic immunity. They therefore could not have been prosecuted under English law even if the necessary evidence had been available.

The questioning at Sunningdale and other evidence obtaindmay well, however, provide information relevant to the investigation of bombings in London and Manchester in respect of which some people have already been charged.

The information obtained at Sunningdale continues to be assessed.

Since my last statement I have been considering whether the law on demonstrations and marches, as it applies to such events held by foreign nationals, or generally, can helpfully be amended.

Neither the police nor I have power to ban a static demonstration in advance. But the police already have extensive powers, in pursuance of their duty to preserve the peace, to regulate the conduct of demonstrations and to prevent a demonstration assembling, or to disperse one already assembled, if they have reasonable cause to believe that such action is necessary to preserve or restore public order.

As to marches, the Public Order Act 1936 provides powers to impose conditions or, if those will be inadequate, to ban the holding of public processions, in order to prevent serious public disorder.

I understand the feelings which often lie behind suggestions that demonstrations and marches by foreign nationals should be subject to special controls and, possibly, prohibition. I doubt, however, whether it would be right either for the police or the Government to be empowered to pick and choose which demonstrations were permissible and which were not, either in relation to the nationality of those concerned or the subject about which they were demonstrating.

We should remember who committed the offence on April 17: the demonstrators in St James's Square were the victims, not the perpetrators, of violence. But we must be certain that there are adequate powers to prevent warring factions from fighting their battles on the streets of London.

I have in hand a comprehensive review of public order law, including the issue of the control and regulation of static demonstrations. The conclusion of the review, and the announcement of the results, will be expedited.

I have also considered what additional immigration measures can be taken, quickly, and within the present rules, to bring home the fact that we are not prepared to tolerate nationals of other countries bringing onto the streets of Britain violence for their own political ends.

Libyan visitors will receive permissions to stay of shorter duration, adapted to the circumstances of each case: measures will be taken to sure those admitted observe the conditions imposed.

Libyan students who come to Britain must be bona fide students and we expect them to pursue their studies, not indulge in violence. Yet there is reason to believe that some of them have been prone to do just that. I intend therefore, to tighten up immigration control affecting them.

Any Libyan student who qualifies for admission under the rules will not normally be given permission to stay for more than a term at a time: anyone failing to meet the requirements in any respect will be refused an extension: each application or reapplication will be accompanied by stringent checks.

In particular we shall have to be fully satisfied that a student is infact properly pursuing a fulltime course of study. Similar restrictive measures will apply to other categories of applicant as the rules allow.

In setting out these measures, which will be supported by appropriate instructions to visa posts abroad, I have been concerned not to undermine our tradition as a country of safe refuge and asylum.

No-one from a country to which such restrictions apply who wishes peacefully to express his views in public, has anything to fear. But those who abuse our hospitality with violence will cease to receive it.

Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said they had all suffered a national humiliation with WPC Yvonne Fletcher being shot down in cold blood and her colleagues in the force being obliged to escort her murderer in safety out of the country.

The British people want to know he said if this disaster, combined with the personal and family tragedy, could have been prevented and if a repetition in the future could be prevented. The Home Secretary has got nowhere near completing his report.

The Home Office was complacent about the activities of the Libyan People's Bureau after a warning on March 1 about the anger of Libyan action.

After the London and Manchester bombings, why did a Home Office minister tell the House of Lords in April 5 in answer to a question on the bureau that the understood the premises were somwhat different from other diplomatic missions but at the moment it was not causing embarrassment?

WPC Fletcher was gunned down from that building 12 days later. Did the Government have any information about how the weapon which killed her got into the bureau?

Will Mr Brittan (he went on) clear up the question about whether a telex order from Tripoli was intercepted? If so, was it decoded in advance of the demonstration at the bureau or decoded in time to constitute a warning of the Heathrow bomb on April 20. If there was a message, what did it contain? Was it an order for the demonstrators to fire on or of a bombing or sabotage campaign? Did police surveillance overhear discussions on any orders?

The Government did not contemplate taking powers to ban the right to free demonstrations in this country because such a ban would mark the final victory for Col Gaddafi.

The Home Office had been less than clear about the position of Libyans who remained in Britain, for instance those who were training with the armed forces. There were also 280 apprentices with British Airways in training at Heston, next to Heathrow airport. Many of these were believed to be highly motivated politically.

Mr Brittan (he said) has told the House and the country little of what they have the need and the right to know. Only an independent inquiry can satisfy public disquiet. The Opposition demands an independent inquiry into the whole of this grave and damaging episode.

Mr Brittan said, on the intelligence questions, he could not add to what had already been said by Mrs Thatcher.

There was a suggestion that the *Libyan diplomats said they would* not be responsible for what happened if the Government did not prevent demonstrations. This had been entirely in line with previous attempts to try to muzzle demonstrations and there was nothing special in the way it was put.

It would not have been appropriate, on the strength of the information made by Libyan diplomats, that a ban be made on a demonstration which was very small in scale and easy to police.

There was no clear link (he said) between the bureau and those prosecuted for the bomb attacks.

Mr Kaufman's greatest quality was his hindsight in suggesting what would have been sensible and proper measures.

Two Libyans training with the Royal Navy in Dartmouth had been told their training was at an end and they should leave the country by May 7. Three further Libyans tried to enter the country at the weekend for training at Dartmouth. They were refused entry.

Sir Paul Bryan (Boothferry, C) said that the public knew that it was impossible to conduct normal civilized diplomatic relations with this Libyan government, so there



Griffiths: What compensation for WPC's family?

was great admiration for the good sense and effectiveness with which the British Government had dealt with a sad and tricky situation.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP. Mr Brittan had remarked that no information was in their hands to lead them to believe that such an incident would occur. In whose hands?

MPs had heard that a United States administration official had said the Government was given this information through its own sources and not from the Americans. MPs were entitled to know to whom that information was passed.

The terms of reference of the Security Commission were exactly tailored to this incident. There had been a breach of intelligence on any reasonable reading of what Mr Brittan and the Prime Minister had said. The House was invited to an independent investigation from a source that would not prejudice the country's intelligence services.

Mr Brittan said that if Dr Owen, a former Foreign Secretary, held that post today, he would not be putting forward that suggestion. He (Mr Brittan) shared the Prime Minister's view that she did not propose to add to what be had said to MPs on intelligence matters last week.

Mr Brittan later said there was no disposition or desire by the Government to exclude the normal parliamentary procedures for looking into this type of matter.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab) said those who, like him, had been working for better relations with the Arab world, were as appalled as everyone else by what had happened, perhaps more so than most. The Government should now mop up and expel the reported 200 members of revolutionary committees supposedly still at work

Mr Brittan said he had to proceed lawfully and in an orderly way and not indiscriminately in such matters. He had already said he would not hesitate to use his powers of deportation against those about whom there was reason to believe that their presence would not be in the country's continuing interest.

Sir William Clark (Croydon South, C) said if non-British people wanted to demonstrate they should do it in their own country. British people would not be allowed to demonstrate in Libya.

Mr Brittan said Sir William should consider if we wanted to be associated with a change of the law which would make it impossible for Russian dissidents to demonstrate outside the Soviet embassy however appallingly the Russian government behaved.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab) said he supported the Home Secretary in the strong action he had taken but must warn of the danger of this degenerating into a witch hunt against all Arabs in Britain.

Mr Brittan said there would be no witch hunt but the Government would deal with those against whom there was material to suggest that their continnes presence in this country was against the public good.

Immigration officers at ports (he said later) would be given the necessary information to ensure that the expelled Libyan diplomats and so-called diplomats did not return. Anyone in that category who was tempted to return should bear in *mind that the immunity* extended had expired and they were open to arrest, investigation, interrogation and if necessary an appropriate prosecution.

On the question of the efficacy of X-raying diplomatic bags, he was *advised that modern X-ray equipment* was highly efficient in detecting the presence of metal objects. If a weapon were to be the only object in a bag it would be *possible to identify it*, but it would be naive to suppose that those intent on importing weapons in this way would not seek to disguise their presence by, for example, enclosing them in metal containers.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C) said there was clear-cut *evidence* that WPC Yvonne Fletcher was the first British police officer ever to be *murdered* by a diplomat to whom the Foreign Office had given accreditation.

What compensation did the Foreign Office contemplate giving her *family for her death?*

If and when the police were able to identify the murderer did the Government intend to see that he was put on trial in Libya or that ways were found of seeking his extradition so that he could be tried for murder in this country?

Mr Brittan: A trial in Libya would be a matter for the Libyan authorities. Everyone in the House would have their own view as to the likelihood of such a trial taking place and the probable outcome of it. As to the suggestion that the Foreign Office *should* provide compensation, that is a matter for the Foreign Secretary.

Stricter control over missions

DIPLOMACY

The *Government is taking immediate* unilateral action to strengthen control over the operation of foreign missions in Britain, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, announced in a long statement to the *Commons on the foreign relations* aspects of the St James's Square shooting and siege of the Libyan Peoples' Bureau.

He said the severance of diplomatic relations was an exceptional event and no British Government had done this previously in response to abuse of immunity.

He said that from now on the Government would go farther and *would be ready to use the power of* expulsion as an exemplary measure against any mission which the Government had good reason to believe was responsible for unacceptable activities in this country.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said he would be pressing again the issue of the changing threats of international terrorism at the EEC Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels next week. The Prime Minister also intended to raise *the question for consideration* at the *London economic summit* in early June.

The most effective answer to international terrorism (he declared) is international action taken collectively by the major countries. We have taken the firmest action so far of any country faced with these threats, and shall continue to press for similar action on an international basis.

The Foreign Secretary stated: We have made clear to the Libyan authorities that we hold them responsible for guaranteeing the continued safety of the British community. Two British Embassy *officials have remained behind to* man the newly established British Interests Section of the Italian Embassy. Their fist task has been to continue to press for the release of those British citizens who are unjustifiably detained in Libya.

The *Italian* Ambassador yesterday reinforced the urgent representations which had already been made on numerous occasions by our departing Ambassador.

We are urgently reviewing all existing contracts for the supply of defence equipment to Libya. There *can be no question of* allowing any fresh exports of that kind. We have also terminated the training of two Libyan officer cadets at Dartmouth.

As for diplomatic relations, I *have instituted a full review of the* Vienna Convention, its operation and enforceability. I shall report the outcome of this review to the House. The Select Committee on Foreign Affairs may well wish to study the same question, which I *would welcome.*

But it is not simply to await the outcome of the review. We are therefore *taking immediate unilateral* action to strengthen control over the operations of foreign missions in this country.

The ultimate sanction is of course *the complete severance of diplomatic* relations, as has been done in the case of Libya. But this is an action which should only be taken in the plainest possible case.

This is *not* a question of diplomatic nicety. This concerns the way in which the Government discharges its responsibility for the protection of many thousands of British subjects who live their lives, often in the furtherance of Britain's worldwide trading *interests* in every corner of the globe.

In all too many places, the conditions which they have to face are anything but safe. It is precisely *in such places that the protection of* the Government is most necessary.

There are up to 10,000 Britons resident in Libya. That is the second largest European community in that *country.*

I recognise very plainly the anger which every British citizen must feel *in the present case.* I share that sense of anger. That is one good reason why *decisions of this kind* should only be taken after a full and proper appreciation of the interests of our country and our citizens around the world.

The question of scanning bags is not expressly covered. There is argument whether this is permitted or not. The practice of nearly all states is in fact not to scan. Our own *practice hitherto* has been never to allow our bags to be scanned, nor to scan the bags of others.

This topic is currently on the agenda of the United Nations International Law Commission. We have more than once considered whether any change of practice is *desirable. Any such change would* inevitably take place on a reciprocal basis. We have to decide in these cases how best to protect British interests in particular the security of our essential *communications.*

Another sanction is the expulsion of any diplomat who abuses his status.

We also have the power to set *limits to the size of diplomatic* missions and to refuse to accept as having diplomatic status any premises of a mission which are not in our view being used for *diplomatic purposes.*

We now face a wider threat from international terrorism. *We shall* not hesitate to use our powers to prevent the abuse by missions of their diplomatic status in connexion with terrorist activites.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition *spokesman of foreign and Commonwealth affairs*, (Leeds. East. Lab): Both *The Times* and the *Daily Telegraph* have described this episode as a humiliating defeat for this country. That *must* be the view of the great majority of MPs.

The Foreign Secretary and his predecessors must accept a large share of the responsibility for this humiliation and the miserable story just recounted would, in a more *robust age*, have been *regarded* as grounds for impeachment. (Conservative protests)

The Foreign Secretary has often been described as having a laid back *style but I suggest his response to* the bombings in London and Manchester was positively horizontal. (Labour laughter) He was warned by our embassy in Tripoli and *the Libyan Bureau in London* that violence was likely to attend the demonstration before Easter.

Steel: Why was bureau *allowed to continue?*

The police were told, but the clear implication is they were warned not to take these warnings seriously and they were allowed to police the demonstration with an unarmed police woman who *stood* during the demonstration with her back to the bureau.

Why were 11 occupants of the bureau who did not enjoy diplo*matic immunity* sent back to Libya without any attempt to establish *whether they had complicity in the* abuse of diplomatic status in the murder?

There can be little doubt that those 11, or some of them, might well have been involved in the accumulation of weapons in the embassy. No attempt was made to *hold them* and the only excuse offered was that if we had taken any action against them we were frightened, there might have been some action taken in Libya against *British citizens.*

Would he not agree this argument is an invitation to blackmail? *Is he* not telling any government that, if it wishes to murder people in Britain *or to commit crimes against people* in this country, it will get off scot free by threatening *to do something* to British civilians living and working in their country?

Hindsight is better than blind sight and some action must be taken *to prevent a repetition* of what has happened in the case of the Libyans.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: Regarding action following the bombings in the middle of March, quite apart *from the strongest possible diplomatic representations* at that time, the Home Secretary and myself, acting together, appraising the evidence together, took firm action to *secure the deportation of* six people at that time. There have been futher deportations today.

We shall continue to take action along those lines resulting from that incident or any other.

Without the cooperation of the *people within the bureau*, it would not have been possible to gather sufficient evidence to proceed against them.

Second, and far more important, in taking the extremely difficult decision that had to be taken, one of the matters that had to be taken into account was the question of the safety not only of our diplomats but of the large British community in Libya, a number of whom are already unjustifiably detained.

The Home Secretary's handling of the matter has been conspicuous for its skill and courage.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: Why was the bureau allowed to continue operating for two months after the ousting of the four accredited diplomats in February and before the shooting outrage, without the Foriegn Secretary *knowing* who was in charge?

Has that happened in the case of any other embassy in London and were steps taken to close down the bureau *until they supplied a fully* accredited representative?

Concern will not be allayed by an internal inquiry by those responsible for the intelligence services into their own activities. An independent inquiry will be necessary.

Sir Geoffirey How: The events he described were precisely paralleled by events at the time of the original *establishment* of the bureau, when the revolutionary committee ousted *the Ambassador.*

Both were revolutionary commitees. Mr Steel may have greater sophistication in distinguishing between one and another than I. I have *nothing to add to what* the Prime Minister and Home Secretary said on an inquiry.

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

Why has Mrs Margaret Thatcher gone out of the way to insist that she intends to lead *the Governement for at least* another five years? She was not required nor expected so soon after the last election to proclaim that she wishes to take the Conservatives into the next one.

There had, it is true, been some *desultory* speculation as to who the next leader would be. But that kind of talk comes as naturally as breathing to most politicians. It does not mean that they believe a vacancy is imminent. It is just that they – and most political journalists, let me add – find it hard to resist the temptation to ask: what would happen if...? *But there has been no fever of* uncertainty that needed to be calmed.

Why, then, has she done *it?* Presumably to prevent any uncertainty developing. When he was Prime Minister Mr Wilson (now Lord Wilson of Rievaulx) liked to display his tactical skills: he was a politician who was happy, indeed proud, to fly by the seat of his pants. Mrs Thatcher prefers to emphasize the long perspective of her government, the continuity of its purpose.

An impression of stability is harder to convey if there is mounting spectulation as to who will be Prime Minister before the end of the Parliament.

Clear signal to the Cabinet

So Mrs Thatcher has made a *preemptive strike to avoid* that danger. She has sent a clear signal to her Cabinet colleagues, to the Conservative Party in the country, and not least to political commentators, that talk of the succession in this Parliament would be not more than idle gossip. She may also have wanted to warn her ministers not to start jockeying for position in that race.

Yet Mrs Thatcher is taking a number of risks. One is that many people may simply not believe her.

No prime minister this century has served for 10 years in all, let alone 10 consecutive years, and the pressures these days are more relentless than ever. Mrs Thatcher's stamina is *remarkable* and she gives every sign of continuing to thrive on the challenge. But *how can she know that she will* still do so for another five years?

If she is thought simply to be* indulging in a little empty bravado she will neither *achieve her immediate objective* nor enhance her credibility. Mrs Thatcher is not associated with gimmickry *of that sort.

A more serious risk, however, is that most people will *believe that she has made a* serious commitment and not like it. In many countries these *days the incessant exposure to* which heads of government are subjected reduces the tolerance *of the electorate. The voters* and the media become restless and all too soon there is a *clamour for new faces.*

Sometime before the next election Mrs Thatcher is likely *to encounter the boredom* factor. To ask the public now to contemplate an apparently endless vista with the same person at the top – and five years is a long time in politics – may bring closer the day when the cry is raised that it is time for a change.

Risk may not yet be apparent

But the most serious risk that Mrs Thatcher is running *may not be apparent for some* years.

Most prime ministers stay *on too long if they have the* chance. It is now well known that the wrangling over his retirement clouded at least the final six months of Churchill's last administration. The time had come for Mr Harold Macmillan to go in 1963, but *he* would probably *not have* done so if he had not been forced to submit to the surgeon's knife.

Even the most resilient prime minister must at some point lose the appetite or the energy for the job. But the more *dominant* the *personality* the more difficult it is likely to be for him or her to recognize that point.

There is no reason to *suppose that the moment* is near for Mrs Thatcher when she begins to lose her grip on the job. But it will come unless fate or the electorate intervene beforehand.

The danger of making a firm commitment long in advance is that it might persuade Mrs Thatcher that she had an obligation to stay when she ought to go.

Local council elections: 3

Labour confident in Scots stronghold

The erosion of much of the power of local councils in Scotland has discouraged *some potential candidates from* standing in tomorrow's elections. But as RONALD FAUX, Scottish Correspondent, reports, the party political scales *would tip in a number of finely balanced seats.*

The 53 Scottish districts go to the polls on May 3 with far less power than they had in the heady days when local government was regarded by idealists as the finest form of working democracy.

The right of council house tenants to buy their homes – important in a country with a large public housing stock – *the* right of the Secretary of State for Scotland to cap the rates of high-spending councils, and the prohibition on districts from *levying supplementary rates* have all helped to ease the budgetary controls from local to national government, eroding the relevance of the district councils.

Party workers admit it has often been difficult to encourage candidates of quality to stand in local politics, and some significant personalities in local government have refused reelection this time.

Some feel that since physical planning is the only strong power remaining to the councils, the reward of office is not worth the effort.

Even so, the elections in Scotland promise some narrow contests with the Labour Party especially confident of maintaining its stronghold and tipping the scales in a few sensitively balanced seats.

With the Conservatives in government and suffering unpopularity for dispersing nasty but allegedly necessary medicine, the feeling is that the result will rest on how many Conservative seats the other three parties can win.

Labour *has not been deluded* by a recent opinion poll forecasting it will win 58 per cent of the Scottish vote.

Labour won a remarkable 494 seats *in 1980*. They have been whittled down to 480 through by-elections but the party will judge itself to have done remarkably well to win *460 of* the 1,121 Scottish district seats this time.

The Conservative Party is *remaining firm to the cause*, supporting the Government's policies in Scotland without *reservation*. The *Conservatives'* strongest chance of ousting a Labour administaration is in Stirling, where there have been echoes of Liverpool in the long confrontation between the radical *lift-wing council and the* Scottish Office.

A rates increase of 122 per cent was set *after a cut of* £700,000 in rate support grant, and the authority was ordered to obey the law on council house sales and obliged by legal *action to end a policy trade* union representaion at committee meetings.

The Conservatives are optimistic because their candidate soundly defeated the Labour group leader when he stood at the General Election in the new Stirling constituency. A repeat performance on Thursday could win the council for the Conservatives.

In Edinburgh it is the *Conservatives who are under* threat. They hold 30 seats to Labour's 25 with the balance *held by two Liberals*, two Scottish National Party representatives and three independent councillors.

The Labour Party has promised some radical left-wing *reforms of local government* which, with the memory of confrontation that a leftist *Lothian region achieved still* fresh in the mind, could swing support significantly to the Alliance.

Elsewhere, the balance is close in Aberdeen, where Liberal revival of the new housing estates could affect the outcome, in Kyle and Carrick, home ground of Mr George Younger, Secretary of State, where Labour *had* been divided by extremist infiltration, and Inverclyde where Liberals have taken control through by-elections but where Liberal and *Social Democrat candidates are* now contesting with each other.

The Scott-Lithgow shipyard *issue is vital to this area and* Labour expects to gain credit as a strong supporter of the campaign to save the yard.

However, not all local elections in Scotland are fought on party political lines. Outside the central belt in particular personal qualities are often valued more than political belief and independence more than party *allegiance.*

Concluded

VAT concession on alterations to old buildings

FINANCE BILL

The Government is to amend its proposal to impose value-added tax on building alterations to give relief for structural alterations to listed buildings and churches, Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister of State, *Treasury*, announced in the Commons during the committee stage of the Finance (No 2) Bill. Such a relief would be designed, he said to help avoid the further destruction and demolition of heritage buildings.

He was replying to a debate on an *amendment moved by Mr Michael* Latham (Rutland and Melton, C)

Mr Hayhoe said general *relief* for charities in respect of building work would lead to pressure for relief for other charitable activities.

While a general concession would run into problems the existence of statutory lists of buildings of special historic and architectural interest made it possible to consider a *concession which could be limited* to structural alterations to such *listed buildings, including churches.*

Between now and the report stage (he continued) we will consider a concession along those lines. I hope I would be able to announce the detailed provisions of such a consession before the end of May so *that we would be ahead of the* effective date of bringing building alterations into tax. This would be carried forward if need be on an extra-statutory basis until the report stage of the Bill.

Teachers threatening the interests of pupils

EDUCATION

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, urged individual teachers to reflect on the irresponsible and unprofessional course which union leaders were now inviting them to embark on *following rejection of the 4.5 per* cent pay offer.

He said in the Commons he very much regretted the teacher unions' rejection of the offer which it had been made very clear to them stretched to the very limit, and for many beyond, their *employers'* capacity to pay.

I am sorry (he said) that the teacher unions should be willing to contemplate action disigned to disrupt the education of their pupils.

I hope there will be reconsideration by union leaders of the 4.5 per cent offer which I understand remains explicitly on the table.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said Sir Keith Joseph by his statements and actions had made a major contribution to the breakdown of negotiations and to the possible disruption of children's education.

Did he not write the unrealistic assumption of 3 per cent into the educational rate support grant which had made it so difficult for the LEAs?

Did he not then go on and insult the teachers by telling them that large numbers of candidates were coming forward at current rates of pay when 70 per cent of teachers earn under £10,000 a year?

Did he not put his influence behind an initial *offer of 3 per cent* when Scottish teachers had already been offered *4.5* per cent?

Arbitration, which the teachers have agreed to accept, was the normal way out of teachers' disputes.

Sir Keith Joseph: *He is seeking, like* other Labour Party representatives, *to end a problem that can be solved* by realistic negotiation, by throwing taxpayers' money at it.

It was no insult to the teachers to remind them that large numbers of what he was told were *excellent* candidates for the teaching profession were coming *forward at* present rates of pay. The short *answer to all Mr Radice's questions* was "No".

Mr Clement Freud (North East Cambridgeshire, L): How is it that Sir Keith Joseph can be so remote from the profession he represents that rejection of a humiliating, *unacceptable offer should come as a* surprise to him?

Sir Keith Joseph: If I represent anyone in the educational world it is the pupils. And it is the pupils' interests which the trade union leaders are threatening to damage.

Answering later questions, Sir Keith Joseph said he did not think arbitration was the *answer* because the arbitrator did not have to find the money and could therefore regard affordability as just one of a number of factors instead of what it was – the one determining factor.



Geoffrey Smith

London summit security to be reviewed in wake of Libyan crisis

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

THE LONDON 1984 ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The shooting in St James's Square and continuing Anglo-Libyan crisis has prompted security chiefs once more to review arrangements for the protection of world leaders at next month's economic summit in London. Pressure on them to do so is expected from Washington where the Reagan Administration is trying to mobilize support among the allies for a united front against Colonel Gaddafi, the Lybyan leader.

Memories of anti-American violence in Lebanon and Iran also make President Reagan's bodyguards nervous in a country like Britain where they are not allowed to carry guns.

This jumpiness is unlikely to be wholly removed by the disclosure early last month that up to 12 SAS-style Heckler and Koch sub-machine guns have been ordered for Metropolitan police on special protection duties during the summit meeting on June 7-9.

In terms of news coverage as well as security the summit promises to be the biggest public event in London since the royal wedding three years ago, with the heads of goverment of the United States, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy and Japan, together with their foreign and finance ministers, and the President of the European Commission joining Mrs. Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr Nigel Lawson for talks at Lancaster House.

This is the tenth in the annual series since the first summit was held in November 1975 at Rambouillet, France, on the initiative of President Giscard d'Estaing.

The original idea was to restore order to the economic chaos of the mid-1970s when soaring oil prices, inflation, recession, and floating exchange rates were proving too much for the existing diplomatic machinery to cope with.

The French idea was that the meetings should be very informal and confidential, so that the free world's leading politicians could talk frankly about the problems confronting them and find practical solutions.

But the meetings have grown more institutionalized and Lancaster House, rather than Downing Street, where top table talks were held in 1977, had the space to allow foreign and finance ministers to conduct their own meetings simultaneously next door, coming together for plenary sessions or working lunches, as the programme dictates. As it is Guildhall is having to be used for the final delivery of a joint statement by Mrs Thatcher.

If the Libyans do not trouble the Metropolitan police, the press almost certainly will. From a few hundred in the early days the number covering the summit has swelled to an expected 3,500 this year, and the whole of the Connaught Rooms has been hired by the Government as a press centre.

The official estimate of the summit cost is between £2.5m and £3m, with Britain funding the visit for each world leader, and 14 others in his delegation. "We have the taxpayer very much in mind", an official said.

Meanwhile, one potential argument is emerging over how far the summit should concern itself with political issues. The French would like it to remain primarily an economic discussion. But President Reagan, with the White House election in November, is said to have other ideas.







Bad sport: A gunman bursts into the European wrestling championships in Jönkoping, Sweden, with the fighters initially unaware of his presence. But a Polish contestant pins the intruder to the mat. The man was later identified as a Soviet exile and his weapon as a harmless toy pistol.

Professor seeks end to 'harping' on GCHQ

By Peter Hennessy

Professor Harry Hinsley, Master of St John's College, Cambridge, and official historian of British intelligence in the Second World War, appealed yesterday for newspapers to stop "perpetually harping" on the activities of the Government Communications Headquarters.

Quality newspapers treated intelligence as if it were the equivalent of pornography for titillating the middle class reader, he said.

Speaking on the eve of the publication of the third volume of his *British Intelligence in the Second World War*, Professor Hinsley said that he was amazed that the D-notice system had not prevented editors from constantly publishing material on British signals intelligence.

Professor Hinsley said that his previous volumes, which showed the vital part played by the Government Code and Cypher School, the precursor of GCHQ, in shortening the Second World War had failed in the sense that people had not, as a consequence, appreciated the need for maximum confidentiality in such matters in peace as in war.

Professor Hinsley: Plea to common sense

"It is getting dangerous. If it is not stopped voluntarily now by newspapers, we are in for trouble. I am appealing to the common sense of editors.

"I did hope that as a consequence of people learning the truth about World War II they would clam up on grounds of national security. It was a miracle that we managed to keep it secret in the war. The most careful precautions were made and followed."

British Intelligence in the Second World War. Volume III, Part I by F. H. Hinsley, published tomorrow (Stationery Office, £17.95).

Psychiatrist cleared of assault

Dr Michael Carney, aged 53, a consultant psychiatrist, of Mount Park Road, Harrow on the Hill, north-west London, was cleared by St Albans Crown Court yesterday of indecently assaulting Mrs Karen Taylor, aged 28, his book-keeper, in a consulting room at a private clinic in Harrow on the Hill.

Mr Bernard Hargrove, QC, for the defence, said that there had been ill feeling between them over fees owed to Dr Carney by the clinic. Mrs Taylor had been "out to make make trouble for the doctor for a long time", Counsel added.

Sewage heat for offices

What is believed to be the world's first system for extracting heat commercially from sewage was opened yesterday in Wellington, Somerset, by the Wessex Water Authority.

The heat produced by the bacterial breakdown of sewage raises the temperature of water, via heat exchange panels, to 13 dec C. The water is then pumped to offices near by at an estimated average saving in fuel costs of £1,500 a year.

Car gems raid

Pearls, diamonds and gold necklaces worth £35,000 were stolen from the boot of a London company director's car in Kingsbury Square, Aylesbury, on Monday

School appeal

Cheltenham Ladies' College has launched a £1m appeal to build boarding houses for 120 sixth-formers and extend science and electronics facilities.

Hattersley's driver hit

A motorcyclist was fined £75 by Totnes magistrates in Devon yesterday after admitting assaulting Mr Roy Hattersley's driver in a roadside incident.

Miss Pam Phipps, for the prosecution, told the magistrates that the Labour Party's assistant regional organizer, Mr Roy Hill, was driving Mr Hattersley, the Labour Party's deputy leader, between Plymouth and Exeter. Mr Hill overtook three motorcyclists including Paul Reeby, aged 19, a machine operator, of Pentland Close, Plymouth.

Reeby pulled in front of him and slowed down. Each time Mr Hill tried to overtake Reeby decreased speed.

The motorcyclists hemmed Mr Hill in, forcing him to stop, then Reeby punched Mr Hill in the face, breaking his dentures and causing severe cuts

Israel prepares case against UK oil ban

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Israel is about to take legal moves to help to break what senior officials claim is a *de facto* British embargo on supplies of crude oil from the North Sea.

The ban was imposed in 1979 and maintained out of concern in Whitehall not to upset Arab oil producers. The British have repeatedly stated that the refusal to sell oil to Israel is not discriminatory but part of a wider policy on disposal of North Sea oil.

Israel's anger at the ban has been reinforced by the refusal of the Thatcher Government to lift it, given that Norway, the other main North Sea oil producer, lifted a similar ban more than 12 months ago.

Britain has stated that many other countries are adversely affected by the same policy – originally formulated by Mr Tony Benn when he was Energy Secretary – but do not complain about it.

The ban was raised by Israel's new President, Mr Chaim Herzog, during his recent visit to London, but he failed to secure any hint of a compromise from the British authorities.

Later this month Mr Mayer Gabai, Director-General of the Justice Ministry, will spend a week in London seeking advice from experts in EEC law, before deciding how Israel will act in a complex case which has been referred to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. Final submissions are due in July.

Although the dispute in the first instance is between private firms, Bulk Oil (ZUG) and Sun Oil Trading Company, the British Government has already intervened directly and failed to block the move the challenge the ban's validity under EEC law.

Last December, the High Court in London held that rulings by the European Court were needed to enable the English courts to rule on a dispute that arose from a refusal to load a cargo of oil at the Sullom Voe terminal in Shetland because it was destined for Israel.

Altogether, six companies were involved in the deal, in which the Swiss-based Bulk Oil ordered the crude on behalf of Delek, an Israeli petroleum group. Delek arranged for it to be transported by Tanker Services.

It is now understood that Israel is considering intervening in the case by submitting its own opinion before the Luxembourg court. The European justices will be asked whether the 1975 treaty between the EEC and Israel precluded an embargo by member states on exports of curde oil to Israel and whether British policy is compatible with the treaty.



Mr Herzog: Failed to obtain compromise

The incident that gave rise to the case occurred when Israel lost one of its main oil suppliers with the overthrow of the Shah of Iran.

Mr Gabai, a civil servant educated at the London School of Economics, told *The Times*: "It is much more important for us to have a long-term, stable aggreement with a reliable country like the UK, rather than buying oil from 'other sources' or the spot market.

"we feel that Britain's policy is not justified on commercial merits alone. We suspect that the ban is the result of Arab influence, as oil is a sensitive commodity as far as the Arabs are concerned. Our main interest is to determine that there will be no discrimination of supply against us from the EEC, which we understand to be a part of the 1975 treaty."

Britain's oil export guidelines, which will be tested at the Luxembourg hearing, state that unless there is an established pattern of trade in oil with another country, Britain's oil should be sold only to countries that are either in the EEC or the International Energy Agency, the 21-member club of oil-consuming nations established in 1973, of which Israel is not a member.

EEC tops agenda on Kohl visit to Britain

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

Chancellor Helmut Kohl arrives in Britain today, bringing a senior government team with him for an intensive day of talks with Mrs Thatcher and her ministers. The main issues will be Libya, the European Community and European defence policy.

The fight against international terrorism, and Britian's attempt to stop the abuse of diplomatic immunity will inevitably be the most topical themes during this annual round of Anglo-German consultations.

The Prime Minister can expect at least strong verbal support for her line against Libya. She will be reassured by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, that he has indefinitely postponed a proposed visit to Tripoli.

But the main issue for both sides is the crisis in Europe, where there are still real differences of view. The polemics between London and Bonn in the confusion after the failure of the Brussels Community summit have subsided and the irritation between Mrs Thatcher and Herr Kohl – who normally get on well – be firmly put aside as both take stock of their joint interest in finding a quick and acceptable solution to Europe's money problems.

On many points the two countries are in agreement, but Mrs Thatcher will again emphasize to Herr Kohl that she is not the bad European she has recently been depicted as on the Continent.

She, in turn, will want him to be more specific about his recent high-sounding phrases about European union or unity, and will look for reassurance that talk in Bonn about a "two-speed Europe" or even a Europe of "variable geometry" (meaning a grouping of different member-states for different problems) does not represent Bonn's present policy.

European defence is another area where both sides see a need for increased effort and coordination.

The growing cooperation between France and West Germany in defence has been highlighted recently in the talk about reviving the Western European Union – which both Mrs Thatcher and Herr Kohl now regard as a good thing.

The British quietly support Bonn's attempts to use recent shifts in French defence policy to entice France back into the mainstream of European defence. Britain too would like to discuss this with France.

This is an area still so delicate that the Germans have not publicly set out their long-term aims, and Mrs Thatcher will be hoping for a thorough private briefing from the Chancellor.

Vietnamese accused of plotting invasion

Peking (Reuter) – China accused Vietnam yesterday of preparing to invade its southern border region and warned Hanoi to stop cross-border attacks or take the consequences.

The *People's Daily* said: "Since the beginning of this year, they (the Vietnamese) have redeployed their troops along the border to ready their was preparations for an invasion of the Chinese border area.

"The Vietnamese authorities must immediately stop their provocations and intrusions along the border areas, otherwise they will only sow the wind and reap the whirlwind." Peking charged that Vietnamese forces had also been building up tension by mounting attacks across the frontier, firing at Chinese villages and occupying unspecified areas of Chinese territory.

China said the action was designed to cover up a Vietnamese offensive agaisnt the resistance movement in Cambodia and distract opinion at home from the country's hardships. Vietnam had been sending reinforcements of men, heavy guns, tanks and ammunition to the border.

Two days ago, China accused Vietnam of launching repeated attacks against border settlements in Yunnan province and Guangxi region. Both sides said thousands of shells had been exchanged in the past few weeks. A Foreign Ministry statement said Vietnamese troops had constructed fortified positions on Chinese territory.

● **BANGKOK:** Vietnam last night rejected a formal protest from Thailand alleging Vietnamese shelling on Monday of a Thai village in which one man was killed and about 50 villagers injured (Neil Kelly writes).

Mr Tran Quang Co, Vietnam's Ambassador in Bangkok, denied that Vietnamese forces in western Cambodia, near the Thai border, had been responsible for the attack on Ban Charat in Surin province, six miles west of the border.

A night at the opera that ended in discord

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The "patient animal that suddenly becomes dangerous in anger" is Signor Franco Zeffirelli's appreciative comment on the revolt of two leading singers against a controversial production by Mr Yuri Lyubimov of *Rigoletto* at Florence.

Speaking from his own experience as an opera director, Signor Zeffirelli says of opera singers in general: "This strange and complex animal is now beginning to show with increasing energy its discomfort, its dissent from the experimental approach, often wild and irresponsible, with which it has to be associated.

He claims to have detected signs of the spread of this revolt on stages throughout the world: "For years we have been on the edge of open rebellion."

He says of Signor Piero Cappuccilli, who would have sung the title role in *Rigoletto* but refused Mr Lyubimov's stage direction (which at one point called on him to imitate Charlie Chaplin): "Cappuccilli is one of the greatest singers of our times, and it is as well to remember this. He is not a temperamental star. He has worked in the world's theatres without difficulties, a valued collaborator for the directors, great or small as they may be."

Signor Zeffirelli says of Mr Lyubimov: "He is a director who comes from Russia where notoriously they produce the worst theatre in the world..." He ends with the proposal that the right solution for the Saturday opening should be a concert version of *Rogoletto* without scenery or costumes: "Just black velvet which in this case would symbolize the melancholy obsequies of a concept on how to produce opera which has reached, and exceeded, the limit".

Signor Luciano Berio, the director of the florentine *Maggio Musicale* intends opening the festival as planned with *Rigoletto*, and has found substitutes for two singers and the conductors.

Smith party loses another MP

From Stephen Taylor
Harare

The defection of another MP from Ian Smith's Republican Front to an independent group has left the party with only seven of the 20 white-roll seats in the Zimbabwe Parliament, all of which it won in the 1980 independence election.

Echoing the view of others who have quit the RF for the loose association of 13 independents, Mr Geoffrey York was quoted yesterday by *The Herald* as saying: "Support for the RF has been significantly eroded, very largely because the party has not succeeded in detaching itself from its old associations and attitudes."

He believed it would be easier to work with Mr Robert Mugabe's government as an independent. The RF has no contact with the Government, while two MPs have ministerial posts.

Mr Smith said yesterday that Mr York's defection was not significant.

Rebel chief wants more Chinese help



The recent military successes of one of the non-communist opponents of the Vietnamese in Cambodia should lead to increased supplies of arms from China, Mr Son Sann (above), Prime Minister of the anti-Vietnam coalition and president of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, said in London yesterday, *Simon Scott Plummer writes*.

He told *The Times* that his forces had achieved military credibility over the past 16 months. They had fought the Vietnamese for 51 successive days at Nong Chan on the Thai-Cambodia border at the beginning of 1983 and had repulsed a Vietnamese attack last month on their headquarters at Ampil. These actions should persuade Peking to step up arms supplies.

Mr Sann said he had 13,000 armed men and another 7,000 trained but not yet supplied with weapons. The forces of the other two coalition members, the communist Khmer Rouge and those of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, are put at more than 20,000 and 5,000 respectively.

Mr Sann is in London to seek financial and humanitarian aid to repair the damage caused by Vietnamese attacks on Cambodian villages. He met Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday.

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Withdrawal of consent during intercourse means rape

Kaitamaki v The Queen

Before Lord Scarman, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Brightman and Sir George Baker

[Judgment delivered May 1]

By the criminal law of New Zealand if a man penetrated a woman with her consent he could still become guilty of rape by continuing the sexual intercourse after a stage when he realized that she was no longer consenting.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in dismissing an appeal by the appellant, Tamaitirua Kaitamaki, from the majority decision of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand on March 19, 1980, who dismissed his appeal against his conviction by a jury in the Supreme Court of New Zealand on March 15, 1979, of rape.

Section 127 of the Crimes Act 1961 provides: "For the purposes of this Part of this Act, sexual intercourse is complete upon penetration . . .".

Section 128 provides: "(1) Rape is the act of a male person having sexual intercourse with a woman or girl – (a) Without her consent . . .".

Mr Barry MacLean (of the New Zealand Bar) for the appellant; Mr Peter Thornton and Mr Robert Fardell (Crown Counsel, New Zealand) for the Crown.

LORD SCARMAN said that in the early hours of November 19, 1978, the appellant broke and entered a dwelling-house. The Crown case was that he then twice raped a young woman who was an occupier of the premises. There was no dispute that intercourse had taken place on two occasions, but the defence was that she consented or that he honestly believed she was consenting.

When the appellant gave evidence, his case as to the second occasion was that after he had penetrated her for the second time he became aware that she was not consenting. He admitted, however, that he did not desist from intercourse.

In summing up that part of the case the trial judge told the jury that if, having realized she was not willing, the accused continued with the act of intercourse, it then became rape. It was contended that that direction was wrong in law.

The submission of the appellant's counsel raised a question as to the true construction of sections 127 and 128 of the Crimes Act 1961. He relied on the definition in section 127 to establish the proposition that rape was penetration without consent: that once penetration was complete the act of rape was concluded; and that intercourse, if it continued, was not rape, because for the purpose of the Act it was complete upon penetration.

The Court of Appeal, by a majority, rejected the submission, expressing the opinion that the purpose of section 127 was to remove any doubts as to the minimum conduct needed to prove the fact of sexual intercourse. "Complete" was used in the statutory definition in the sense of having come into existence, but not in the sense of being at an end.

Sexual intercourse was a continuing act which only ended with withdrawal. The offence of rape was defined in section 128 as that of "having" intercourse without consent.

Their Lordships agreed with the majority decision of the Court of Appeal, and with the reasons which they gave for rejecting the appellant's submission and for construing the two sections in the way in which they did.

Their Lordships were, however, disturbed by the course taken by the Crown at the trial. The indictment charged one offence of rape. The prosecution case was that there were two rapes. In the event, as could have been anticipated, there developed two different defences.

In fairness to the accused each rape should have been separately charged. Their Lordships were satisfied, however, that there had been no miscarriage of justice.

The Court of Appeal rejected the appellant's application for legal aid to prosecute an appeal to the Judicial Committee on the ground that the Court of Appeal had no jurisdiction under the Offenders Legal Aid Act 1954 to grant it. Their Lordships agreed with that judgment of the Court of Appeal.

Solicitors: Wray, Smith & Co; Allen & Overy.

Absolute obligation

Associated Bulk Carriers Ltd v Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd

A term in the "Shellvoy 3" form charterparty that the master was bound to keep the tanks, pipes and pumps of a vessel always clean for the cargo specified in the charterparty imposed an absolute obligation on the owners, Mr Justice Neill held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on April 18, giving judgment for the disponent owners of the "Nordic Navigator" for US $118,044 demurrage due to them from the charterers, Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the term contrasted with the obligation of cleanliness under article III, rule 1(c) of the Hague Rules and with another clause which required the owners to "exercise diligence". The omission of those words from this term indicated that the owners' obligation to achieve the standard imposed was absolute.

However, that standard had to be related to the cargo for which the charterparty provided. As the specified cargo had been "crude oil and/or dirty petroleum products" intended for burning in power stations, the presence of a small quantity of coal in the tanks, which could not have damaged a power station's burners or any other equipment, did not amount to a breach of the absolute obligation.

Nigerian press controls

Five journalists jailed under decree

From Clifford D May,
New York Times,
Lagos

The military government which siezed power here on New Year's Eve has taken strong measures against the Nigerian press, jailing five journalists and, in the view of some, intimidating many others.

On April 17 the Government issued a decree granting itself the power to close newpapers and radio and television stations that are deemed to be acting in a manner detrimental to the interest of the Government. It also assumed the power to imprison journalists for inaccurate reporting or for writing articles that bring government officials into ridicule or disrepute. The decree was reminiscent of a decree signed into law in 1978 by the head of state, Lieutenant-General Olusagun Obasanjo.

The April 17 decree was made retroactive so that journalists would be as liable for what they wrote or broadcast before the decree was issued as well as after.

No charges have been made public against the five journalists in detention and in most cases, the articles that appear to have led to their arrests do not seem to have been either inaccurate or mocking.

"This is the first time in Nigeria's independent history that a concerted attempt has been made to restrain the freedom of the press", Mr Ray Ekpu, chairman of the editorial board of the Independent Concord Newspapers said. "They are demanding press sycophancy at gunpoint. No other regime, military or civilian, has ever done that here."

The Nigerian press has long been considered exceptional in Africa. Several newspapers are sensationalist, and many are unabashedly partisan but they offer a diversity of information and opinions.

Until civilian rule ended on the last day of 1983, the newspapers owned or controlled by the opposition parties and Nigeria's independent papers harshly criticized President Shehu Shagari's handling of the economy, the corruption in his administration and the conduct of elections last summer.

When the military took over, the press overwhelmingly applauded the move, and coverage of the new regime's actions and statements has been largely favourable.

"Nothing the press has done in the past four months warrants this overkill", Mr Ekpu said. "On the contrary, the press has stood behind this administration in the hope it would be better."

A senior Western diplomat in Lagos noted that although the ousted civilian government was often irked by the press, it relied on the country's newspapers to report on the public mood.

Mr Eddie Iroh, managing editor of the *Guardian*, and independent newspaper, said: "If it's illegal to bring an official into disrepute, you run a real risk by writing a story about his questionable financial dealings. So if the Government means what it says about corruption, this new decree is self-defeating."

Other journalists say the most troubling aspect of the crackdown is that no clear guidlelines have set down.

For example, Mr Tunde Thompson, diplomatic correspondent for the *Guardian*, was detained on April 11 after publication of a story outlining the Government's plans to overhaul the foreign service. Several of the changes Mr Thompson predicted have since taken place.

The other journalists who have been detained are Mr Niyi Onigoro, publisher of a newspaper in Oyo state: Mr Haroun Adamu, editorial consultant to *The Punch* newspaper in Lago: Mr Idawu, Adeyemi, editor of a newspaper in Iradan, and Mr Nduka Iraror, assistant news of the *Guardian*.

Several other journalists have been detained and later released. Many have been dismissed, particularly those who worked for governement-owned papers or radio and television

Those journalists charged with violating the new press decree, or Decree no. 4, face trial by a special tribunal under the chairmanship of a high court judge sitting with three senior military offices. The onus of proof is on the accused, who an be jailed for up to two years.

Walesa defies riot police in Gdansk

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Lech Walesa, the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, smuggled himself into a sedate Communist May Day march yesterday in Gdansk and, with hundreds of Solidarity supporters, flashed v-for-victory signs, unfurled anti-government banners and chanted "freedom for political prisoners" while passing a Tribune of shocked party officials.

The incident was typical of a day which saw thousands of supporters of the banned Solidarity Union trying either to infiltrate official processions or stage counter-rallies in several Polish cities.

Using high-pressure bursts of water, tear gas broadsides and rubber batons, the Zomo riot police dispersed the demonstrators, sometimes without resistance, sometimes encountering a volley of cobblestones.

In Gdansk, the police stationed a huge water cannon, as ungainly as a prehistoric animal, outside the apartment of Mr Walesa to break up a demonstration of about 1,000.

"I'm surrounded here at home", Mr Walesa said on the telephone. "And they are chasing people with waer cannon. They washed my windows right now and they are derenching anyone who leans out of his wimdow".

The street fighing was heavy in the Gdansk suburb of Wrzeszcz, near the former headquarters of Solidarity. Youths tore up stones from the railway track to use against the Zomo who, by most eyewitness accounts, were tougher there than elsewhere in Poland.

Mr Walesa had managed to carry out his infiltration mission by squeezing himself and his supporters between two Communist factory delegations and pretending to be authorized participants. The police eventually moved in and seized Solidarity protestors a few yeards behind him but left the Solidarity leader unscathed. He was effectively organizing his first street protest since martial law.

The mood of the day was best expressed in Warsaw where, a few hundred yards away from the official march, the demonstration began after nine o'clock Mass at St John's Cathedral in the centre of the old town district.

At 9.45 the police sealed off most streets to prevent the congregation spilling into Castle Square. But five minutes later leaflets flew from the rooftops and a teenager, to loud applause, fixed a Solidarity flag to a lamppost.

The police called on the crowd to disperse and began to bang their riot shields.

The crowd, more than a thousand strong, chanted "freedom for the prisoners", "Lech Walesa" and the name of the Warsaw underground leader, "Zbiszek Bujak".

When the police started to spray water, the protesters, teenagers and middle-aged women, tumbled out of the narrow alleys into the picturesque old market square. For many minutes one corner of the square was completely occupied by armoured riot police swinging their white batons, while the opposite corner was filled with shouting demonstrators. In between, many people continued to drink coffee and eat ice-cream in the sunshine, making the use of tear gas impossible.

Later the protesters walked the two miles to the church of St Stanislaw Kostka to hear the radical priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko. The congregation was again assaulted by police after the service and tried to regroup near the Warsaw steelworks. That march was also broken up with bursts from water cannon and running, truncheon-waving police.

Celebrating May Day across the globe with tear gas, marches, slogans and rivalry





Workers in Red Square carry a photograph of President Chernenko addressing Parliament while he waves to the May Day crowd.

Chernenko and old guard conduct it with aplomb

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mayday celebrations in Moscow yesterday confirmed the growing personality cult surrounding President Chernenko and the ascendancy of the Kremlin "old guard". The Red Square parade also marked political oblivion for the late President Andropov, who died less than three months ago.

With Moscow a sea of rippling red flags, thousands of well-drilled workers marched past the Lenin Mausoleum under a sunny spring sky, bearing giant portraits of Mr Chernenko and blow-ups of the *Pravda* report of his meeting with steelworkers last Sunday. There were also huge placards attacking Amreican nuclear policy, including a giant Uncle Sam with Mr Reagan's features, although the anti-American theme was rather more muted than last year.

Mr Chernenko's absence from last year's parade gave rise to speculation about his political future. Yesterday, there was no doubt that whatever the extent of the real power he wields behind the scenes, he is the unchallenged national figurehead. Slogans curled from his speeches dominated the procession.

There was also deliberate emphasis on the old guard of Politburo leaders who backed his bid fro power and who control much of Soviet policy. Marshal Ustinov, Mr Gromyko and Mr Tikhonov – the Defence, Foreign and Prime Ministers – followed Mr Chernenko on to the top of the mausoleum. All but the marshal wore the same heavy overcoat and homburg hat, the regulation issue Politburo spring outfit.

In some parts of Moscow the three senior men also followed Mr Chernenko in the rows of Politburo portraits hung from public buildings, even though strictly speaking the portraits should be in Russian alphabetical order (as they were on Red Square), with the young generation of Mr Aliyev, Mr Vorotnikov and Mr Gorbachov following the President.

The average Politburo age in Lenin's time was well under 50, but is now nearly 70. Mr Chernenko is 72.

Yesterday, Mr Chernenko looked down on numerous likenesses of himself as Red Square echoed to canned cheering and marching music from loudspeakers. There was no mention of Mr Andropov or of Andropov-era slogans on the need for discipline. Most of the Politburo paused to look at Mr Andropov's grave by the Kremlin wall as they filed up on top of the mausoleum.

Although the parade is tightly disciplined and marchers are hand-picked, massive security was provided by thousands of police officers and plainclothes KGB agents, with the army present in force but discreetly tucked away behind buildings and in metro stations. The centre of Moscow was sealed off. There is no military element in the parade, which underlines communist solidarity and brotherhood.

The parade was boycotted by most Nato ambassadors, a practice which began four years ago after the invasion of Afghanistan.

The more anti-western slogans included "Washington's actions threaten peace", with a float depicting a missile being fired from the Capitol, another showed the Capitol surmounted by a GI's helmet, which in Russian propaganda has become a symbol of American militarism and irresponsibility.

Little solidarity among workers of Europe

By Our Foreign Staff

May Day, traditionally a date marking workers' solidarity, failed to produce much fellow feeling in Western Europe.

West Germany: Trade union and opposition leaders warned Chancellor Kohl that there would be strikes if demands for a shorter working week were ignored.

This year's sharp focus on unemployment contrasted starkly with the concentration last year on the campaign against deployment of nuclear missiles in West Germany.

Italy: The three main trade union confederations held separate celebrations, showing the deep split in the labour movement over the Government's attempts to cut inflation. It was the first time since the 1960s that leaders of the three big confederations had failed to celebrate May Day together in Rome.

Greece: Workers demanded better working conditions, more trade union freedom and higher wages. Work in both private and public sectors was at a standstill.

Spain: Tens of thousands took part in rival rallies organized by the country's two majority trade unions who are split over the Socialist Government's industry policies.

Dominican Republic: The 55 victims of riots against food price rises were mourned as the five main unions pledged to organize a general strike unless the Government revoked price hikes.

Singapore: Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister, said mothers should be encouraged to work to help phase out foreign labour over the next eight years. About 10 per cent of the island's workforce are foreigners.

Czechoslovakia: President Husak, at the main rally in Prague, condemned American imperialism and accused Washington of launching a new round of the arms race. The United States "bears responsibility for the present dangerous international development" he said. About 250,000 people attended the demonstration.

Bikini islanders ask Washington to keep 30-year promise

From Our Correspondent
Washington

One thousand Pacific islanders have begun a final effort to return to their tiny Bikini Atoll home which the US contaminated with 12 years of atomic and hydrogen bomb tests after the Second World War.

The people of Bikini, a circular chain of 26 islands about 2,500 miles south-west of Hawaii, claim that the US has a moral and legal obligation to clean up their home and help them return to what they have described as their "promised land".

The Bikinians live on Kili island, a 200-acre dot in the Pacific 400 miles south-east of Bikini, which they call a prison. The US set up a $6m (£4.28m) trust for them giving each person $35 a month.

This week their representatives began a campaign to plead their case in court, in Congress and later at the UN in New York to make the US live up to a promise the islanders say it made 30 years ago.

A suit filed in Hawaii by the islanders this week sought an injunctin requiring the US to make Bikini Atoll safe and return the exiles speedily to their home. The Bikinians hope to testify before Congress.

They also plan to appear before the UN Trusteeship Council in an attempt to get the world body to apply further pressure on the US Government. Bikini and the rest of the Marshall Islands were put under US administration by the UN in 1947.

Gangsters murder minister in Bogotá

From Geoffrey Matthews
Bogotá

President Betancur yesterday imposed a state of siege throughout Colombia after the assassination of his Justice Minister by gunmen believed to have been hired by drug racketeers.

Señor Rodrigo Lara Bonilla, who had waged a personal crusade against the "Colombian connexion" drug racket, was hit by 11 bullets in an ambush as he arrived by car at his home in Bogotá.

The shots were fired by the pillion passenger of a passing motor cycle. Security agents pursued it, killing one rider and capturing the other. The detained youth comes from Medellin, the financial centre of the drug Mafiosi.

He is reported to have said he was paid about $20,000 (£13,300) for the attack. No one has yet claimed responsibility.

The killing of Señor Lara Bonilla, who had received many death threats, but had scorned wearing a bullet-proof vest offered by the United States Embassy in Bogotá, shocked the nation.

Imposing the state of siege, a shaken President Betancur said on national television: "We are not going to allow ourselves to be annihilated by cowardice and crime ... they are not going to continue destroying our society."

He promised that the Government would continue its campaign to stamp out the cocaine and marijuana rackets.

In March Señor Betancur imposed a state of siege in four southern departments after a wave of guerrilla actions by the M19 movement and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia.

At the time the Government said the guerrillas were being financed by cocaine racketeers. Since then the Government's Peace Commission has negotiated a treaty with the Marxist-Lenninist Farc, due to take effect on May 28.

The Justice Minister's death coincided with a series of terrorist actions in the nation's three main cities – Bogotá, Medellin and Cali – which further contributed to the Government's decision to impose a state of siege in an attempt to restore order against the twin threats of the drug racket and subversion.



Señor Lara Bonilla: Hit by 11 bullets in ambush.

Special courts set up to try Sudan offenders

Khartum, (AFP)–Emergency courts are being set up in Sudan to try alleged violations of the state of emergency which was declared on Sunday by President Nimeiry.

The Sudanese News Agency quoted the President as saying that nine courts would be announced in Khartum in 48 hours and would immediately start trying breaches of the state of emergency law, certain penal code crimes, customs violations, smuggling of commodities worth more than 10,000 Sudan pounds (about £4,300) and acts hindering the application of Islamic laws.

President Nimeiry said sentences passed by the emergency courts would be carried out immediately, except for death sentences, which would be submitted to him for confirmation.

Each court will be chaired by a civilian magistrate, with two officers of the regular forces, including the armed forces, the police and the prison services, as members.

Reagan proclaims success of his pilgrimage

From Nicholas Ashford,
Washington

President Reagan returned to American soil yesterday proclaiming that his six-day trip to China had been a success and had established a "new level of understanding" between Washington and Peking.

Arriving in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he is to have a 30-minute meeting with the Pope today, the President said that although fundamental differences existed between the two countries "we found that we could agree on a great many things".

Despite the absence of any significant diplomatic breakthroughs, American officials seem well satisfied with the way the visit went – a view that seems to be shared by Mr Reagan's Chinese hosts.

While in Peking Mr Reagan signed agreements on taxation, cultural exchanges and nuclear energy cooperation. A more important if less tangible result was to allay Chinese doubts about his commitment to a strong relationship with Peking.

Although Taiwan remains a big obstacle, limiting the pace of improved relations, his visit appears to have achieved, in Mr Reagan's words, "an understanding and a confidence in us".

The President's visit was not all plain sailing, however, no attempt was made to disguise differences over Taiwan, US policy towards Central America, or the deployment of new American missiles in Western Europe. Nor did the Chinese go along with the President's attempts to draw them into a common stand against the Soviet Union.

Chinese television twice censored anti-Soviet passages from his speeches. And during the talks Chinese leaders emphasized their independence and made it clear that they intended to keep trying to improve relations with Moscow.

Possibly the greatest achievement of the visit, however, was its impact on the US electorate. Long before Mr Reagan set out on his journey his campaign strategists had been saying the visit would be an important feature of hs reelection effort.

They believed tha this pilgrimage to Peking would project him in the mantle of a major world statesman, standing aloof from thrust and parry of domestic political battles.

This is how it turned out. While he was raising a glass in the Great Hall of the People to toast world peace, the two main rivals for the Democratic Presidential nomination, Mr Walter Mondale and Senator Gary Hart, were tearing each other apart in Texas and Tennessee.

His performance in Peking also helped to deflect his opponents' criticism that the world has become a more dangerous place under his presidency. He was able to show that although he remains at loggerheads with the Soviet Union he is able to deal effectively with the World's other big communist power.

The Chinese have a vested interest in seeing Mr Reagan reelected and wrnt out of their way to ensure that the visit was a political truimph for him. Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, telephoned him before he left and congratulated him on the success of his visit.

President and Pope in Alaska

President Reagan's 30-minute meeting with the Pope in Alaska today will be the second occasion on which the world's preeminent temporal and spiritual leaders have met (Nicholas Ashford writes).

Mr Reagan visited Rome two years ago and those talks were held amid the Renaissance splendour of the Vatican Palace. Today's are in the functional modernism of Fairbanks Airport.

Alaska was chosen as a rendezvous because the leaders' flightpaths cross on their way to and from the Far East. Both aircraft have to make refuelling stops. The Pope is bound for South Korea, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Thailand.

Ties stronger despite lukewarm Peking

From David Bonavia, Peking

President Reagan left Shanghai for home yesterday after a week-long visit to China in which he was treated with courtesy but not enthusiasm.

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, who has had intensive talks with Mr Reagan, did not even accompany Mr and Mrs Reagan to Shanghai, China's biggest industrial city, as he was attending a rally in Peking linked to International Labour Day.

The most cordial reception was accorded the Reagans by Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese elder statesman, last weekend. He invited Mrs Reagan to come to China again, and to bring her grandchildren.

China won a considerable increase in its access to American technology, especially nuclear power for peaceful uses, as an aspect of the presidential visit. But Mr Reagan was not permitted to tell the Chinese people – as he tried – about his idea that American society is based on God and religion, and that free enterprise is the best road to economic prosperity.

Doubtless Mr Reagan will be able to make capital out of his visit in his election campaign, but an official Chinese source here said the leadership expected him to win the election anyway. The visit is to be seen mainly as a prelude to a more intimate relationship in the future between Peking and Washington.

The Taiwan issue was drummed in Mr Reagan's ears by the Chinese leaders and media, but both sides know very welll that a significant downgrading of US support for Taiwan is a thing of the future.

Observers believe that the main political azhievement of the visit was the swift acceptance of an invitation to Mr Hu Yaobang, the general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, to visit the US.

The best description of the visit would be that it took place in weak spring sunshine, with occasional showers – which is how Peking's weatherman greeted the American party.

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US general killed while 'testing top secret jet'

Washington (Reuter) An Air Force general who died in a Nevada crash last week was flying a plane testing top secret new "Stealth" technology meant to make United States fighters and bombers invisible to enemy radar, *The Washington Post* reported.

Quoting informed sources, the newspaper said details surrounding the death on Thursday of Lieutenant-General Robert Bond, a highly-decorated veteran fighter pilot, in a small jet plane were being guarded by senior Air Force officials.

The stealth project was begun in 1977 to develop radically new kinds of military aircraft that could penetrate the Soviet Union's anti-aircraft defences.

Liberals lead

Ottawa (Reuter)–Canada's ruling Liberal Party, whose popularity has slumped during Mr Pierre Trudeau's last term of office, has overtaken the opposition Conservatives in an opinion poll for the first time in two and a half years. The poll showed the Liberals with 46 per cent and the Conservatives 40 per cent.

Arab honoured

Tel Aviv (AFP) – For the first time an Arab Israeli has been nominated one of seven "exemplary citizens' who each year light the torch of independence to mark the Israeli National Day on May 8. He is Ali Yehia, aged 38.

Ethnic violence

Colombo (Reuter) – A Sri Lankan policeman was shot dead by suspected guerrillas in the eastern town of Kalmunia and the National Security Minister, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, revealed that a Tamil leader had been shot dead by police last week "while trying to escape from custody".

Dhaka deadlock

Dhaka (Reuter)–Bangladesh opposition leaders are to start a fresh campaign against military rule after talks broke down with President Ershad on the country's political future.

Punjab rioting

Delhi (Reuter) – Police used baton charges on Hindu rioters yesterday in Punjab, where the Indian Government has set up a task force to combat extremists. A policeman and reporter were injured when Hindu extremists stoned police in the border town of Ambala.

Andorra crisis

Andorra (AFP) – The Andorran Government has resigned after failing to push a law introducing income tax through the principality's 28-seat Parliament. Many of Andorra's 30,000 inhabitants refused to pay taxes, forcing the Government to suspend the law.

Ozal pessimistic



Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, said the chances of peace in the Gulf were bleak. He was speaking after returning to Ankara from a four-day visit to Tehran.

Dalai Lama visit

Tokyo (AP)–The Dalai Lama has arrived in Japan to attend ceremonies marking the 1,150th anniversary of the death of Kobo Daishai, the founder of the Shingon sect of Buddhism.

Ebony and ivory

Johannesburg (Reuter) – The editor of Pietersburg's *Northern Review* has refused to publish a picture showing black and white pop musicians of the group Juluka arm-in-arm because he said it would offend readers.

Manila court asked to dismiss priests' case

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Lawyers of three jailed Roman Catholic priests – including an Australian and an Irish missionary – have asked the Central Philippine Court, trying them on multiple murder charges, to dismiss the case due to lack of evidence.

In their 17-page motion, the seven lawyers said that never in their "collective experience have (we) encountered so irregular an investigation in a case of such importance as this".

The charge that the three priests and six church lay leaders were responsible for the 1982 murder of a town mayor and four of his aides was a product of military hostility against the priests and the Church, the lawyers said.

The mayor of Kabankalan, Pablo Sola, and four of his aides were killed in a roadside ambush on March 10, 1982. It was professionally planned and executed in a way which pointed to "one inescapable conclusion", the lawyers said. "The ambushers were a group who were both skilled in the use of high-powered firearms and experienced in carrying out ambushes. Not one of the accused has been proven to have had such skill or experience".

Communist rebels of the New People's Army (NPA), in two pamphlets distributed after the killings, claimed responsibility and this was confirmed by two captured rebels during military interrogation.

"Although there was no evidence against any of the defendants, and there was abundant evidence – including confessions – against some members of the NPA, neither the military nor the Kabankalan (police) filed any case against anyone for the ambush of Mayor Sola and his copanions."

The lawyers also denounced the "many anomalies and irregularities" in the murder investigation, including the "loss" of military and police notes on the ambush. "Such a loss, in a case as important as this, is explainable only by the need to supress facts that could turn out to be inconvenient to the military. Coincidently – or was it intentionally? – the sketch, photographs and other investigative notes of the Kabankalan police taken or made on the day of the ambush ... all have been lost."

Included in their submission were about 30 affidavits. Most confirmed that the Irish priest, Father Niall O'Brien, was in Manila and two nearby cities when he and Father Brian Gore from Australia were alleged to have planned the ambush and driven the gunmen to the site.

Shaky Beirut Cabinet meets today

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Lebanon's Prime Minister-designate, Mr Rashid Karami, intends to hold his first full cabinet meeting today despite continuing uncertainty over whether all nine ministers he has named will take part.

Mr Karami's surprise announcement late on Monday night that he had selected a new Cabinet was a calculated gamble, given that he admitted he had not formally consulted the nominees to determine whether they were willing to serve.

And while seven of those apointed had agreed yesterday, the participation of two key Lebanese leaders – Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze chieftain and head of the Progressive Socialist Party, and Mr Nabih Berri, the leader of the Shia Muslim militia, Amal – was not certain.

Mr Berri declined public comment yesterday, despite repeated telephone calls from Mr Karami and President Gemayel that he may reconsider his initial rejection of a cabinet post. Mr Berri said within an hour of Mr Karami's announcement that he would not serve in the new Government because the portfolios offered opposition leaders "are far from any connexion with politicl decision-making".

Mr Berri, an attorney, was offered the Ministry of Justice, Water and Electricity, and Mr Jumblatt the Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Tourism.

But both Mr Berri and Mr Jumblatt – who has kept his own counsel on the cabinet appointments – were called to Damascus yesterday for consultations with Syrian officials.

Syrian officials are expected to put pressure on both men to take in the new Government, which has been heralded by officially controlled radio in Syria as "a major hope for building the Lebanon of tomorrow".

Guerrillas retreat as Soviet forces push through Panjshir valley

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Ahmed Shah Masood, regarded by Western diplomats as the Afghan rebels' most effective and attractive young leader, has made a tactical withdrawal from the key Panjshir valley before a massive Soviet advance there.

The Soviet incursion into the valley, details of which are only now emerging, was described by diplomats in Delhi yesterday as the biggest military operation since the invasion four years ago.

According to the official Afghan media, the "last nests of the professional criminal, Ahmed Shah Masood, have been destroyed", after the Soviet onslaught.

Western diplomats, however, insisted that Masood had withdrawn from the valley two days before the attack began.

"If he had been captured – alive or dead – the regime would have been sure to have made a production number of it", one diplomat said.

The diplomats add that he had not intended to withdraw before the attack but the arrest of some agents belonging to Khad, the Afghan secret police, high in his command structure, and even including one of his cousins, made him realize that his pattern of operation was too well known for his own safety.

The Soviet invasion of the valley, which plunges 70 miles deep into the Hindu Kush and dominates the main road to Kabul south of the Salang pass, was sparked off by Masood's refusal to continue a year-long peace treaty with the Russians, which had allowed him free movement in and out of the valley and let the Russians hold a small garrison there.

When the treaty was not renewed both sides began to prepare for the resumption of hostilities but the key moment came when a convoy of fuel and food bound for Kabul was ambushed on the road from Salang.

Eyewitness reports say that the road for two miles was littered with wrecked vehicles at Walang close to Jabal-us-Siraj near the mouth of the valley.

On the same day the Soviet garrison in the valley at Anawar was attacked by *Mujahidin* forces and some of the 300 Soviet troops within were said to have been captured.

Elsewhere the next night a combined force of *mujahidin*, including Masood's following and men from other groups, attacked the Bagram air base.

By this time, however, the high level saturation bombing of the valley by Badger bombers from the Soviet Union had begun.

The Western diplomats report that Kabul is now awash with highly coloured and no doubt exaggerated reports of what happened next, but the following account is based on reports of two or more independent Afghan sources, including some who proved to have been highly accurate after the last Soviet incursion into the valley 18 months ago.

Three separate Soviet armoured columns began heading for the valley during the week beginning April 15.

One consisting of 200 tanks, armoured personnel carriers and trucks left Samarkhel near Jalalabad on April 17 and took a roundabout route avoiding Kabul to staging positions close to the mouth of the valley.

Another left Ghazni and a third left Khair-E-Khana on the outskirts of the capital at about the same time.

A bridge at Mattak, destroyed by Masood's guerrillas a week earlier, was replaced by a military bridge, and on April 21 a task force of up to 15,000 Russians and 2,000 regime troops supported by 400 to 600 tanks and armoured personnel carriers entered the valley.

The Western diplomats say there was no indication that the task force attempted to enter the valley through any of the other passes from Laghman Kohistan Badakhshan.

A Panjshiri who left the valley at the time reported that all the passes were now open, but a guide was needed to slip by the minefields planted by the *mujahidin*.

There was little fighting in the valley and most of the Soviet casualties – of which highly exaggerated reports have been received – seem to have been due to the mines.

By the end of the week the Russians were reported to have pased the central valley town of Ruka and to be heading for Anjuman at the head of the valley.

The *mujahidin* withdrew before them into the side valleys, which were largely ignored by the invaders.

All sources reporting to the Western diplomats say the invading troops have been systematically destroying houses, crops and livestock as they sweep through the countryside.



Ahmed Masood: Withdrew before the attack

Bitter pill for Greek Socialists

From Mario Modiano Athens

If the voting pattern among the country's 25,000 doctors is a reliable pointer, the ruling Greek Socialists should brace themselves for a spectacular defeat in next month's crucial elections for the European Parliament.

Greek doctors went to the Polls on Sunday (and Monday in the main cities) to elect executives for their respective medical associations, most of which were controlled by Socialist-Communist alliances.

The election returns in Athens, Salonika and Piraeus, where 15,000 doctors practise, showed a dramatic reversal of past trends. The Conservatives were ahead, with more than half of the vote and seats, with Socialists down to between 20 and 25 per cent and the Communists between 9 and 14 per cent.

The trend was reflected in the 43 medical associations in provincial cities. Conservative doctors led with an average of 55 per cent. Socialists lost heavily with clear majories in only four cities where they were in league with the Communists.

The Socialists defeat reflect the strong opposition of doctors to the Government's national health system which forces them to opt for joining a system which has neither the infrastructure, nor the money to operate, or going exclusively into private practice in a country where the opening of new private clinics has been banned.

The Socialist setback in the medical associations confirms the political trends which became apparent in recent months in elections in professional associations.

Hunters stranded during Canadian seal cull

From John Best Ottawa

Spring has come as a mixed blessing this year to Canada's east coast island province of Newfoundland.

Shifting pack ice, some of it pushed shoreward by passing North Atlantic icebergs, has locked in long stretches of the 300-mile eastern shore of the island from St John's, the capital, north to Labrador.

An exceptionally severe winter in Canada's Atlantic regions is undoubtedly responsible for the unusual conditions, which for the past week have played havoc with shipping and isolated some communities.

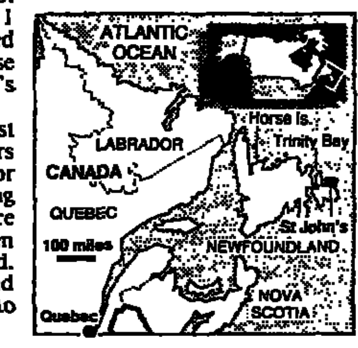
A man died – apparently of natural causes – on one of 11 fishing boats that were trapped for about a week near the Horse islands, off Newfoundland's north-east coast.

In Trinity Bay, 75 miles west of St John's, 33 seal hunters were stranded on an ice-floe for most of a day after shifting winds broke up a field of ice across which they had been scampering to reach a seal herd. Another shift in the wind eventually blew them back to shore.

Canadian coast guard icebreakers have been kept busy for several days freeing cargo ships stuck in the ice.

For seal hunters, the crunching ice-pack is a Godsend, as it bore thousands of harp seals in close to shore, where they have been harvested for their meat and furs – a case of the hunted coming to the hunter.

Hundreds of Newfoundlanders flocked to the shoreline for the rare experience of seeing at first hand a seal cull, a storied and traditional part of the island's way of life.



Spanish judges accused

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

The Spanish Supreme Court has agreed to try one of its own members, along with another judge, in a case arising from the unexpected release of a Mafia leader, who was awaiting the outcome of an Italian extradition request, according to reports published in Madrid yesterday.

The Supreme Court justice, Señor Jaime Rodriguez Hermida, was accused of corruption and of involvement in a miscarriage of justice. The other judge, Señor Ricardo Varon Cobos of the National Audience, was charged only with the latter offence.

Judge Varon Cobos freed the Mafia figure, Signor Antonio "Tonino" Bardellino, on bail of 5m pesetas (£2,000) in Madrid on January 30, after a conversation with the Supreme Court justice, who allegedly pressed for Signor Bardellino's release. He subsequently left the country.

The corruption charge is related to a gold bracelet

Climbdown on Nato frigate

US forced to compromise

From Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

The Nato frigate project will proceed as planned because the United States has unconditionally withdrawn its qualifications to the previously-agreed memorandum of understanding. Mr David Abshire, the US permanent representative to Nato, formally signed the memorandum on Monday, allowing the feasibility study for a common Nato frigate replacement for the 1990s (NFR90) to go ahead.

Mr Peter Antico, a spokesman for the American delegation, told *The Times* that in view of the unfavourable reaction of the other partners in the project – Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands and Spain – the US Department of Defence was able to overcome the legal impediments which had been holding up agreement. On the instructions of Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, all eight reservations were withdrawn and the memo as originally agreed was signed.

The Nato frigate project had been one of the success stories in the long and frequently unfruitful search by Nato and member states to produce equipment in common. A number of allied navies were able to align their replacement.

They accepted there should be common hull variants for the different tasks of the frigate. These are anti-submarine warfare, air defence and convoy protection. The hulls will be able to acomodate important equipment such as engines, weapon systems and command and control installations in module form.

This would give maximum operational flexibility and scope for the economic and industrial interests of countries involved as all of them would be able to take part in the production at some stage. The sharing of technical know-how is considered a big step forward.

This last point caused the problem. Although the project had been going for more than two years and negotiations had been successfully concluded after 18 months, the US produced eight last-minute qualifications at the signing ceremony on April 11 which would have nullified the agreement. These concerned the safeguarding of American "intellectual property" while requiring access to that of the other parties. "Heads we win, tails you lose," one European official said.

By their unconditional withdrawal of these qualifications, the Americans have given a fair wind to the project.

The European reaction to the objections is considered an important aspect which could have far-reaching consequences. "Three years ago, the Europeans would have accepted them without a murmur," an official said, "but there is a very different spirit now".

THE ARTS



Grande dame of *The Golden Age*: Irene Worth with Jeff Daniels and Stockard Channing

Theatre in New York

Controversy surrounds Tony rules

This is the time of year to start working out odds for the Tony nominations. Often there is a scrap over the chosen few; this season a big one has taken place weeks before the nominations are even announced. The committee which rules on Tony eligibility has stuck to a 1982 ruling that a Broadway theatre is defined by its number of seats rather than by its locale or union contracts. Thus *... and a Nightingale Sang* and *Painting Churches*, playing in traditionally Broadway locations and under Equity Broadway contracts but in theatres seating fewer than the committee-mandated 499, were denied eligibility in spite of impassioned pleas and petitions by theatre professionals.

The eligibility committee blunder recalls another last year when it ruled that Kathy Bates and Anne Pitoniak could not be jointly nominated for *'night, Mother*. Because they were truly inseparable, their individual nominations almost surely dissipated votes and lost them the award. Now a similar injustice has occurred with *... and a Nightingale Sang*, which would certainly have garnered a Best Actress nomination – and possibly the award – for the newcomer Joan Allen's radiant portrayal of C. P. Taylor's heroine. There is no performance on any stage in town to equal Miss Allen's, and she has simply been robbed.

The arbitrariness of these rulings galls most, for previously two actors were jointly nominated – and won – for *Sizwe Bansi is Dead*, and David Rabe's *Streamers* was nominated as Best Play when it ran in the very theatre now housing *... and a Nightingale Sang*. Whose "liberal" conscience dictates that it is permissible for black South African actors and anti-war dramas to compete for Tonys but that superlative white actresses in non-political plays do not receive the same opportunities? Such inequities are a disgrace.

Better news is that *Glengarry Glen Ross* has arrived at the Golden Theatre, been acclaimed David Mamet's best work yet, and looks like serious competition for *The Real Thing* as Best Play. It would be pleasant to report that *Noises Off* also has a real chance but, while it should be nominated, it is bound to suffer the short shrift given even the most skilful farce, for none has won since the Best Play award was instituted in 1947.

As award material or simply good entertainment, the much-anticipated Broadway debut of *The Dining Room's* author, A. R. Gurney, Jr., proves melancholy. The Golden Age (Jack Lawrence Theatre) is a faint *Aspern Papers* echo about a professor-writer (Jeff Daniels) who seeks out a reclusive Twenties social and literary grande dame (Irene Worth) for her possible possession of a lost chapter of *The Great Gatsby*. He is baited into hanging around and romancing her alcoholic granddaughter (Stockard Channing) while working on the recluse's biography and hoping to get the Fitzgerald fragment. Though Mr Gurney's fun at the expense of both outmoded and newfangled social conventions occasionally surfaces, the play is too long-winded to set sail. In spite of valiant, attractive performances, the characters are never credible.

The Human Comedy, another Broadway entry, moved uptown from a successful run at the New York Shakespeare Festival's Public Theater, should not make the producers of *La Cage aux folles* worry about losing their chance of Best Musical, but at least one of its supporting players, Bonnie Koloc – displaying an exceptionally lovely and strong voice in her Broadway debut – may be a winner. The show's nostalgic representation of small-town America during the Second World War, based on a film scenario and novel by William Saroyan, has been set by the *Hair* composer Galt McDermot to the sweetest songs on Broadway.

Rounding off the Broadway openings is a revival of Clifford Odets's Awake and Sing at the Circle in the Square. Directed by Circle's founder and artistic head, Ted Mann, the revival stars Nancy Marchand and features several fine performers acting in a jumble of accents and styles. There is also an Off-Broadway revival of Odets's **Paradise Lost** at the Mirror Theatre. Directed by Mirror's founder and artistic head, John Strasberg (son of the late Method guru Lee Strasberg), the revival stars Geraldine Page and features several other fine performers acting in a jumble of accents and styles. Odets's memory is being honoured with decidedly mixed blessings.

Though most coveted, the Tonys are not the only awards in town. Off-Broadway productions are eligible for numerous citations, and a plethora have recently entered the lists. No season feels quite complete without a mystery or thriller, and the Circle Repertory Company fills that niche nicely with John Bishop's **The Harvesting**. This tale of a small-town dectective unravelling an old family tragedy has surprises, emotional punch and some hilarious police radio calls covering quick scene changes.

Faring better than with the poor production of *Mensch Meier* in January is the West German playwright Franz Xaver Kroetz. The noted experimental group Mabou Mines is presenting Kroetz's **Through the Leaves** (Interart Theatre), a sort of sadistic elaboration of Ben Franklin's advice to take older women as mistresses because they are so grateful. Even when partially nude for some fairly clinical sex scenes, Ruth Meleczech and Frederick Neumann make their characters, of a middle-aged woman who owns and runs a small butcher's shop and her insensitive, envious clod of a lover, so real that they hardly seem to be acting. Joanne Akalaitis's staging enables Kroetz to emerge as a playwright with a stark, penetrating voice.

Holly Hill

Television

Different cultures

The Golden Land (BBC1) was, at least in part, a programme about Jewish immigration to the United States: this has been the subject of so many cinematic melodramas that the story now seems a familiar one, and as a result it becomes difficult to treat in an interesting manner. Desmond Wilcox, who was both writer and presenter, tried to resolve the problem by glancing only briefly at Ellis Island and New York before concentration upon the other coast – the "golden land" of the title. Los Angeles, it seems, has more Jews than either Tel Aviv or Jerusalem: it also has more film stars than either of those cities, and this was a documentary about the position of Jews in a culture quite different from any other. It is hard to be a human being in California, let alone anything more specific.

And so it was that the T-shirts there have emblems saying "Kosher Kid", and the restaurants advertise "Kosher Burritos"; the Wilshire Boulevard Temple has been constructed in Byzantine style, like the cinemas, and apparently the most significant fact about its rabbi is that be married Norma Shearer and Irving Thalberg. Bernard Schwartz, alias Tony Curtis, enlivened an otherwise depressing vista with a few risqué jokes. Marvin Mitchelson, the lawyer, was more serious although perhaps he has a right to be – his office overlooks a country club where membership is still refused to Jews.

The programme concentrated too heavily upon the many generations of the Mitchelson family, however, since with the exception of Marvin and his strong-willed mother they seemed a somewhat unprepossessing group. And that was the problem with the first episode of this series: it was excessively anecdotal, and wasted too much time on people who had too little to say. The interviews and old film-clips were mixed with a solemn commentary, to very little effect. Since most of the subjects seemed to be of a conventionally American type, the nature of their Jewishness was never established and so, inevitably, the exercise became rather inconclusive. If there were points to be made, or conclusions to be reached, they should have been presented at least forcefully enough to create some impression.

Peter Ackroyd

Concerts

Söderström/Vignoles

St John's/Radio 3

In her autobiography Elisabeth Söderstrom regrets having to programme her song recitals so far in advance. Instead, she suggests, she should just turn up with a willing accomplice and a huge pile of songs and see what she feels like singing and what the audience would like to hear.

That spontaneity, which anyone who has heard her introduce a complete recital as she did her encores on Monday will know, is central to her nature: her loveliest interpretations take wing from it. And perhaps it is commensurately difficult for her to sound truly convinced by anything she is not inspired by at that moment: there is remarkably little cover of mere professional smoothness in her singing.

That may explain how this recital veered between the heights of accomplishment and a feeling of unease. The programme was intricately constructed, with Goethe settings by Liszt and Schubert leading to Russian song by Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov. Sometimes, in the Liszt songs, intonation wavered and breath control seemed lacking; but then the magnificent "Uber allen gipfeln ist ruh" took wing, with all the operatic flamboyance for which Liszt's songs are so unjustly criticized (they remain a neglected treasure trove).

In Schubert, too, she took a while to find the focus in her voice but then it flowered in a quite overwhelming "Erlkönig", every word weighted with meaning, the lines histrionically projected or scarcely breathed, as great a portrayal of the art of declamation as one could wish for. Russian song in the original language is Söderström's element. She can bring a desolate intensity to Rachmaninov's "Loneliness" tinged with a subtlety few can match; but turns as convincingly to the raucously repeated calls of Tchaikovsky's "The Cuckoo".

Her greatest art, more than singing, rather an elevated music-drama, was saved for the contrasted encores: a rhapsodic, heart-breaking declaration of love by Greig, and a skittish Sibelius portrait of everyday life in the workaday city, which aptly sent us all back to tapping on our typewriters and answering the telephone. Superb accompaniments from Roger Vignoles, luminous in Liszt, sharp-edged in Schubert, each song characterized with flexible force.

Nicholas Kenyon

ECO/Kuhn

Festival Hall

However arbitrary the concept of award and however meaningless the use of the word "best" in the context of musical activity, Kiri te Kanawa's *Chants d'Auvergne* was an understandable choice for Best British Classical Recording of 1983: and her performance on Monday was further justification.

Few pieces release so fully and directly the heart of Dame Kiri's artistry: the delighted rolling and tasting of strange vowels in the mouth in Canteloube's "Lou Boussu", or the warm reflections of blurring line and harmony of "Lo Fiolaire". Soloists from the English Chamber Orchestra took equal joy in their parts, with José-Luis Garcia in his element as the rustic fiddler.

An artist as instinctive as Dame Kiri is never happier than when sheer beauty of sound can blossom out of her voice unimpeded by the constraints of language. For words can, and sometimes do, confuse the issue for her, as *Les nuits d'eté* reminded us: in Berlioz the voice glides along the music's surface at its peril.

In her quite outstanding recording of the work, this instinctive sense warms and freshens the score's fine, austere sensibility, holding the two in near-perfect balance. But, without equally disciplined preparation and the meticulous ear of a Barenboim to guide her, Dame Kiri was adrift long before the last song's voyage out. The very fragility of such an entirely intuitive response needs the support of orchestral direction far more discerning than that of Gustav Kuhn; its generous though generalized nature requires even more specific attention to nuance of timing and instrumental balance.

But it was not to be. Exaggerated drawing back of tempi, smudged pitch and rhythm, were further symptoms of a slackly and insufficiently prepared reading. Ravel's *Tombeau de Couperin* and Schubert's Third Symphony framed the evening. Both were happier in the idea than in the turgid, at times aggressive, realization, though Thea King's clarinet solos in the Schubert brought just the ventilation of wit and humanity that the performance needed.

Hilary Finch

Handel Festival

St George's, Hanover Square

The consistently high quality of Handel's music never ceases to amaze. After the might and wisdom of *Solomon* last Saturday, the London Handel Festival continued its celebrations on Monday with a remarkable crop of altogether less well-known pieces.

The most remarkable of them was the psalm *Laudate Pueri Dominum*, the earlier of two settings composed in Handel's youth. Nobody knows exactly when the work was written, but surely its extravagantly ornate manner suggests that it belongs to the time of Handel's stay in Rome, in his early twenties. If so, it adds further to a canon of breathtakingly original and exuberant works composed there.

In any event, it presented the soloist, Emma Kirkby, with a severe test for which she proved well equipped. The fast florid passages were admirably controlled, and she applied a subtle vibrato wherever the music needed it. Indeed the sudden brightness of her upper register at "Excelsus super omnes" and the delicate shading of the ensuing "Quis sicut Dominus" showed yet greater resources of vocal colour within her narrow dynamic range. Only the astonishingly rapid arpeggio triplets in the final verse really defeated her, and quite understandably.

Her instrumentalist partners here were the violinists Roy Goodman and Miles Golding and an astute continuo group graced especially by the eloquent theorbo of Nigel North. But the rest of the evening was given over to the fuller sound of the entire London Handel Orchestra. In the Overture to *Rodelinda* and the dances from *Terpsichore* (the prologue that Handel attached to the second of the two 1734 versions of *Il pastor fido*) the prevailing lightness of Denys Darlow's conducting left some of the faster music bereft of fire. Nevertheless the dance movements were played tidily and with nicely sprung rhythms, while the more familiar music of the Concerto Grosso, Op 6 No 5, went with an appropriately festive swing.

Boyce's overture to his masque *Peleus and Thetis* inevitably seemed wooden in comparison. Beside almost any other music it would have come across as invigoratingly fresh, full of pleasant things.

Stephen Pettitt

London debuts

Erles Jones's recital seemed hampered by nervous stiffness. Haydn's Sonata in E flat, Hob XVI/49, never really took off, while the mellowness that should have been heard in two Schubert Impromptus was missing, though Busoni's version of Bach's D minor Chaconne did have the requisite sense of breadth. Timidity again spoilt Jones's Rachmaninov and Chopin groups, and in fact it was Iain Hamilton's characterful Three Pieces that brought out the best in him, despatched with the sharp, positive wit that was sadly missed elsewhere.

The Dutch flautist Marie Lorenz-Okabe and the Japanese guitarist Anri Shibata are obviously accomplished players, but could offer in their joint programme only lashings of charm. A Loeillet Suite and Traeg's transcription of Mozart's Piano Sonata K331, each for both instruments together, were efficiently done, and stirred the soul slightly more than the clichés of Villa-Lobos's "Distribution of Flowers" and Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Sonatine. Shibita made the most of the Gallic lightness of Lennox Berkeley's Sonatine, though it was left to Miss Lorenz-Okabe to inject some magic into the evening with her major solo offering, Kazuo Fukushima's idiomatic and atmospheric "Mei" (meaning "intangible"). Here at last the flute's true colours were brought out.

Stephen Pettitt

Galleries

Ruins and Follies

Maclean

If Englishmen do not, on the whole, build ready-made ruins any more, at least they still lovingly look after and restore them: clearly the English praise of folly dies hard. Or so one would gather from the most recent entries in the delightful show *Ruins and Follies*, at the Maclean Gallery until Friday, where we find depictions dating from this very year of the newly restored Convent in the Woods at Stourhead, not to mention three of Graham Rust's tiny Capriccii in the rococo taste.

But most of the show reflects on the eighteenth-century and nineteenth-century taste for crumbling glories of departed time, and the widespread desire, where they were not readily available for pleasingly melancholy contemplation, to recreate them. We have, of course, a good selection of Piranesi reflecting on the wreckage of ancient Rome, and Luigi Rossi a few years later reflecting in a more strictly Neo-Classical fashion on the same. More Romantic visions are embodied in works like George Richard Pain's *Caius Marius at the Ruins of Carthage* (1831), in which one suspects the Irish architect may be grandly looking ahead to the glamorous ruination of his own country houses.

The story of genuine ruins is brought into the twentieth century with an unromantic bump in Nevinson's powerful picture of First World War devastation in *Boesinghe Farm*, and the whole thing monumentalized in the very imposing painting by Jean Baptiste Mauzaisse *Le Temps montrant les ruines qu'il amene, et les chefs-d'oeuvres qu'il laisse ensuite decouvrir*, which is closely related to the decorations Mauzaisse devised for the Antique Jewels Room of the Louvre in 1822.

After this, it is rather a relief to return to the happy silliness of follies and grottoes and flimsy façades put up to close a prospect and edge a parterre. The number and variety of essentially useless buildings erected in Britain during the eighteenth century are well indicated in prints and architects' drawings, taking us into a strangely alien dream world, possible only before the dream of ruin came too close to being a present nightmare.

John Russell Taylor

What are the best books of poetry published since the war? As a guide to the growing demand for poetry in Britain, *Poetry Review* commissioned a survey among poets and critics. **Mick Imlah** reports

Bards of our time

Suppose that the publishers thought there was any point in a campaign to sell poetry. What books would or should we be encouraged to read? In response to the Book Marketing Council's "Best Novels of Our Time" promotion, the magazine *Poetry Review* has conducted a survey among poets and critics of all tastes to assess which might be regarded as the 13 best books of verse published since 1939.

The idea was that these should be single volumes. and not collected or selected editions of the kind that people usually buy; not only to match the "novels" list more closely, but because to poet and publisher alike the small book – whether it contains one long poem, a sequence, or a set of shorter pieces – is the staple of poetic production, the form in which most poems are orginally designed to be enjoyed.

The trouble with this is that several admired writers, notably the riddly American Wallace Stevens, are only available here in collected editions; that the achievement of others (such as perhaps Elizabeth Bishop) looks minor until their work is gathered together, and that some poets' best work is concentrated in one volume (Sylvia Plath) while others have spread their success evenly across six or seven books. Dreadlocked West Indian bard Benjamin Zephaniah goes so far as to suggest that most of the best poetry doesn't get published at all.

So some of the selectors (such as Oxford critic John Bayley, who chose 14 titles, or mystical poet Peter Redgrove, who found a way to incorporate the long Middle English poem *Piers Plowman*) chafed against the rules.

Others, like the Ranter, Seething Wells from Barnsley, who favours such titles as *Ha! Ha! Ha!* by George Thaw, chafed against poetry itself. Still, the 13 titles that emerged as the most popular (see list) represent an interesting compendium of current taste.

THE POETS

1= Philip Larkin *High Windows* (1974) and Sylvia Plath *Ariel* (1965)
3 T. S. Eliot *Four Quartets* (1944)
4 Philip Larkin *Whitsun Weddings* (1964)
5 Robert Lowell *Life Studies* (1959)
6 Ted Hughes *The Hawk in the Rain* (1957)
7 Seamus Heaney *North* (1975)
8 Ted Hughes *Crow* (1970)
9 Elizabeth Bishop *Geography III* (1976)
10 W. H. Auden *Another Time* (1940)
11 Basil Bunting *Briggflatts* (1966)
12 Keith Douglas *Complete Poems* (1979)
13 Ezra Pound *Pisan Cantos* (1949)

THE JUDGES

NEIL ASTLEY – Director Bloodaxe Books; JONATHAN BARKER – Librarian, Arts Council Poetry Library; JOHN BAYLEY – Professor, Oxford University & Critic; JAMES BERRY – West Indian Poet; ALAN BROWNJOHN – Poet, *Chairman of the Poetry Society*; JOHN CAREY – Professor, Oxford University & Critic; GAVIN EWART – Poet; MICHAEL HOROVITZ – Editor, New Departures; JOHN LUCAS – Lecturer & Critic; MEDBH McGUCKIAN – Ulster Poet; IAN McMILLAN – Poet, Performer; ANDREW MOTION – Poet, Editor of Chatto Poetry; CHARLES OSBORNE – *Literature Director*, Arts Council; CRAIG RAINE – Poet, Editor at Faber; PETER REDGROVE – Poet; PENELOPE SHUTTLE – Poet; SEETHING WELLS – "Ranting" Poet; HUGO WILLIAMS – Poet; BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH – *Dub Poet*.

The first thing that the chart reveals is the extent of American influence. There is a reasonable contention to be heard these days that poets such as Pound and Eliot (in the 1910s and 1920s), the insurance official Stevens (around the 1940s), the boorish Robert Lowell, the quietly influential Elizabeth Bishop, the long-bearded whisky-crazed John Berryman, the agonized Sylvia Plath (in the nerve-racked 1950s and 1960s), and most recently the fashionable New Yorker John Ashbery – dragged from a gutter, so the story goes, by Yale Professor Harold Bloom – have shifted the centre of activity in English language poetry across the Atlantic.

The chart bears this out. Of 11 poets named, five are American, including Eliot (who left America for England) but not Auden (who left England for America) – even though many selectors excluded foreigners from their own lists. Take away the Irishman Heaney (who recently excused himself from a "British" anthology) as well, and the British poets are outnumbered.

It is also a slightly negative reflection that three places are taken up by established masters – Eliot, Pound, Auden – whose reputations belong to an earlier era, even if many of their best poems do not. Only Heaney and Basil Bunting, of the poets selected, have made their names in the last 20 years, though Peter Porter (Australia and *The Observer*) James Fenton (Oxford and *The Sunday Times*), Craig Raine (founder of Martianism, a tiny modern movement which writes about life as if viewed from another planet) and Douglas Dunn (for *Terry Street*, 1969) all came close to making the chart.

The presence of Bunting, like that of Keith Douglas and the high showing of Sylvia Plath's *Ariel*, is a big surprise. He is a venerable Northumbrian – 84 this year – and a disciple of Pound, whose unreadable masterpiece *The Pisan Cantos* sneaks in two places beneath.

Bunting clearly benefits from the rules of the survey; it is for the autobiographical *Briggflatts* in particular, rather than for a whole life's work, that he is slowly and belatedly gaining recognition. You might call him a poet's poet: "There is no excuse for literary criticism" says this splendid old man.

Keith Douglas did not live to see his best poems printed in book form; he died in battle near El Alamein, aged 24. So many selectors wanted to bend the rules to accommodate his special case that the rules were duly bent.

Neil Astley, the young director of poetry publishers Bloodaxe, was one enthusiastic supporter: "Keith Douglas's *Complete Poems* is my choice as *the* best poetry book of our time." On such evidence, Douglas's reputation is set for a major advance.

One might have predicted a fifth or sixth place for Sylvia Plath; but her tie with Philip Larkin for the lead is a sign of how general is the appalled respect for the jagged, powerful poems she wrote in the months before her suicide. Plath drew her support from academics and from pop performers alike.

But the survey is dominated by the three living poets in the top 10: Larkin, Hughes and Heaney, and in that order. Hughes (though no such chart recorded it then) held sway in the 1960s, when his crackling, sinewy poems of animal violence were an antidote to the gloomy, civilized urbanity that had characterized some poetry of the previous decade – including that of the younger Larkin. But fashions change, or judgment has matured.

With his very gloomiest and most grumpily right-wing collection, *High Windows*, Larkin has displaced Hughes as our premier influence. Rumour has it that it will also be his last book; though not yet retired from his job as a librarian (at Hull University), he claims to have given up writing poems altogether, though he has published only four slim volumes in 40 years. Three poems a year, on average; not much.

Hughes, a craggy Yorkshireman, and Heaney, a twinkling Ulsterman now living in the Republic of Ireland, are still in prolific mid-career; Hughes published *River* last year, a book with terrible photographs of reeds and minnows, and Heaney has a new book out from Faber in October. Each of them had five titles nominated in the survey, and you would have guessed as much. Discussion may continue about the relative merits of each book, but the status of our three leading poets is almost a matter of common consent.

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1= PHILIP LARKIN

High Windows 1974



There are fine poems here in Larkin's distinctive idioms, such as *The Old Fools* with its terrifying prospect of old age ("Well,/we shall find out"); there are also surprises like *The Explosion*, a delicate study of a pit disaster:

Down the lane came men in
pitboots. . . .
One chased after rabbits; lost them;
Came back with a nest of lark's eggs;
Showed them; lodged them in the
grasses.

1= SYLVIA PLATH

Ariel 1965

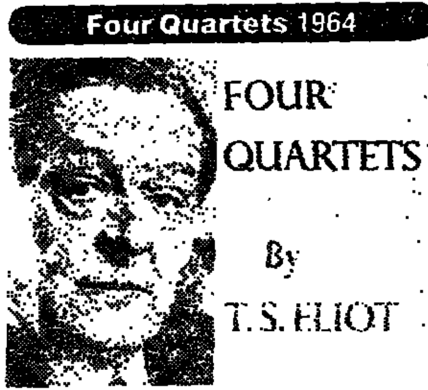


Brilliant confessional posturing, whose sensationalism (which includes the appro*priation of the Holocaust for private myths*) has the terrible sanction of the poet's imminent suicide:

Herr God, Herr Lucifer,
Beware
Beware.
Out of the ash
I rise with my red hair
And I eat men like air.

3 T. S. ELIOT

Four Quartets 1964



Eliot's mature masterpiece. Its form, which owes much to musical structure, is complex and beautiful: its content is also concerned with formal matters of time and space:

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

4 PHILIP LARKIN

The Whitsun Weddings 1964



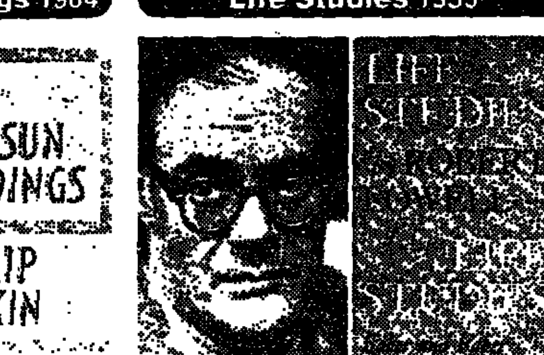


Though there is rich comedy, and even *affirmation in some obscure lovely corners* (like the well-known close of the title-poem), these precisely made poems are most memorable for their glorious pessimism:

Life is first boredom, then fear.
Whether or not we use it, it goes,
And leaves what something hidden
from us chose,
And age, and then the only end of age.

5 ROBERT LOWELL

Life Studies 1959



A founding text of the Confessional *Movement. In courageous autobiographical* poems, the Bostonian Lowell abandons his earlier tight metrics for a verse that is loose, prosaic, sardonic, harrowing:

A car radio bleats,
'Love, O careless Love . . .' I hear
My ill-spirit sob in each blood cell
As if my hand were at its throat . . .
I myself am hell,
nobody's here.

6 TED HUGHES

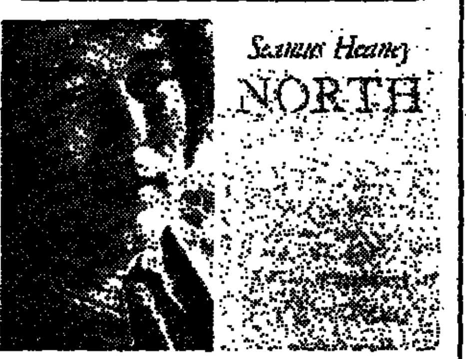
The Hawk in the Rain 1957

The volume that had an almost physical *impact on the enervated 1950s.* Though parts are overwritten, its best poems, like *The Thought-Fox*, control their explosions:

Till, with a sudden sharp hot stink of
fox
It enters the dark hole of the head.
The window is starless still; the clock
ticks,
The page is printed.

7 SEAMUS HEANEY

North 1975

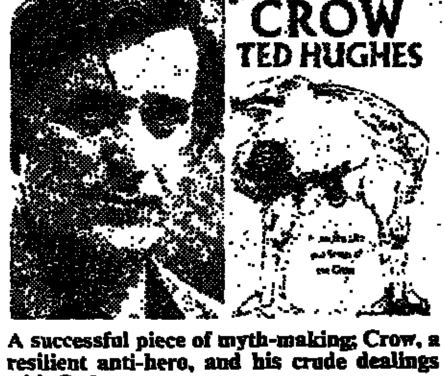


Heaney is our earthiest poet. The core of *this collection is a sequence of poems about* the preserved bodies of Danish 'bog people'; *Bog Queen*, for example, an eerie map of decomposition:

My sash was a black glacier
wrinkling, dyed weaves
and phoenician stitchwork
retted on my breasts'
soft moraines.

8 TED HUGHES

Crow 1970



A successful piece of myth-making; Crow, a resilient anti-hero, and his crude dealings with God:

When God said: 'You win, Crow,'
He made the Redeemer.

When God went off in despair
Crow stropped his beak and started in
on the two thieves.

9 ELIZABETH BISHOP

Geography III 1976

The highlight of this last collection by an appealingly modest but nimble American is a deceptively light account of a bus's *encounter with a moose:*

For a moment longer
By craning backward,
the moose can be seen
on the moonlit macadam;
then there's a dim
smell of moose, an acrid
smell of gasoline.

10 W. H. AUDEN

Another Time 1940



Full of now-famous poems executed in any number of styles, the last and best volume of the 1930s:

I sit in one of the dives
On Fifty-second Street
Uncertain and afraid
As the clever hopes expire
Of a low dishonest decade . . .

11 BASIL BUNTING

Briggflatts 1966



An autobiographical poem but densely allusive. Its musical structure (he calls it a 'sonata') and attractive lyrical surface offset its broad range of reference:

Brag, sweet tenor bull,
descant on Rawthey's madrigal,
each pebble its part
for the fell's late spring.
dance tiptoe, bull,
black against May.
Ridiculous and lovely
chase hurdling shadows
morning into noon.

12 KEITH DOUGLAS

Complete Poems 1979

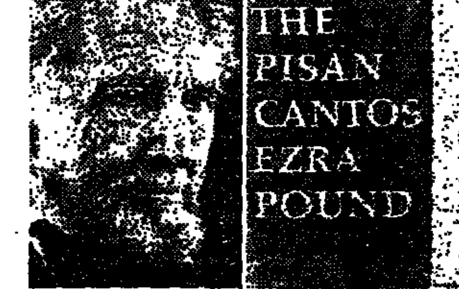


A collection which charts the chastening of *a young poet's literariness by the horrible* particularity of war in the desert:

the metal brambles have no flowers or
berries
and there are all sorts of manure,
you can imagine
the dead themselves, their boots,
clothes and possessions
clinging to the ground,
a man with no head
has a packet of chocolate and a
souvenir or Tripoli.

13 EZRA POUND

The Pisan Cantos 1949



The most acclaimed section of the long sequence of *Cantos*. Notoriously difficult. The opening of one gives a taste of its extreme allusiveness and quirky movement:

The enormous tragedy of the dream in
the peasant's bent shoulders
Manes! Manes was tanned and stuffed,
Thus Ben and la Clara *a Milano*
by the heels at Milano
That maggots shd/eat the dead
bullock . . . DIOGONOS . . .

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 331)

ACROSS
1 Ski zigzag (6)
4 Gently stroke (6)
7 Ceremony (4)
8 Octopus leg (8)
9 Sweet smelling (8)
13 Distress call (1,1,1)
16 Hereford/Worcs valley (4,2,7)
17 Jackdaw (3)
19 Easy money source (5,3)
24 Calvary (8)
25 From quoted book (4)
26 Fixed watcher (6)
27 Game participant (6)

DOWN
1 Aching (4)
2 Lingering light (9)
3 Flow measure (5)
4 Church decree (5)
5 Route (4)
6 Broadside (5)
10 Horse attendant (5)
11 Of expanse (5)
12 Dentures (5)
13 Pupil (9)
14 Japanese wrestling (4)
15 Roman love poet (4)
18 Call off (5)
20 Bury (5)
21 Grip lightly (5)
22 Seaweed carbohydrate (4)
23 Polish border river (4)

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moreover . . .
Miles Kington

England digs in for a victory

So Liverpool are through to the finals of the European Garden Cup!

Merseyside went wild today when they heard that they had been drawn to face Rome to dispute the title of European Champion Gardeners. In this city of bloom and blossom, there is not one citizen who is not a fanatical gardening fan and although fewer than 50,000 will make the trip to Rome for the final, the entire population of Liverpool will be in spirit inside the boiling cauldron they call the Roman Municipal Gardens.

"This is definitely the big one for us", says Liverpool head gardener Joe Parsley. "We've shown we're the prettiest in Britain. Now we've got to go out and show the Europeans that our British flowers can run rings round them. Of course, the Italians have had the advantage of early summer, I'm not denying that, but our burst of spring weather has done us a power of good and I think our bulbs could decide it on the day."

No gardens in Britain have more European experience than Liverpool, not even Tottenham Larkspurs. To get to the final Liverpool had to beat Trellis Dortmund, DDT Munich, Sporting Gazebo and the Spanish champions, Real Wisteria, so they are no strangers to the big occasion. But when they go out into the seething cooking pot they call the Roman Municipal Gardens, in front of 100,000 screaming Roman horticulturalists, they'll know they have a real scrap on their hands.

The strength of the Italians has always been in their tricky, twining profusion of patterns and their fertile summer fruits. What answer will Liverpool have to the olive oil boys?

"Never underestimate the strength of traditional British skills", says Parsley. "A good formation of yellow daffs, a spring display of tulips with a back-up formation of magnolias, is very hard to beat. Our display is gathered from all over Britain, you know, with star attractions from Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Rush from Wales, especially, may be a surprise to them; I don't think they know how to grow rushes in Italy."

The famous Kop in Liverpool, the hill where most of the action takes place, is normally a waving, swaying mass of colour this time of year but come Final day it will be empty, transplanted to that fermenting vat they call the Roman Municipal Gardens. One gardening fan, Terry Smith of Toxteth, is so fanatical that when he had to decide between going to Rome or taking a holiday he opted for both, and has decided to take his family with him to the great occasion.

"These gardening specials are a trip out of this world", he told us. "Your get the odd fan who goes mad on primrose wine, but the bulk of us are solid, sensible supporters and a credit to the gardens. When we enter Rome, waving our red scaves and singing 'When the Scents go Marching In' we'll feel 10ft tall . I don't give them Romans a chance."

Joe Parsley doesn't underestimate the Romans, though. He admires their artistry and fears their will to win, sometimes at all costs."

"When things go against them, they can get very physical. I've seen them hacking and trampling all over the opposition's flower bed's cutting blooms down from behind and going in with the gumboot first. But we're ready for anything. And it will be a great day, whoever wins."

In that seething snake-pit they call the Roman Municipal Gardens? "Exactly."

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The Venice Marathon

There are still many entry forms available from me for the Venice Marathon, the only amphibious long-distance race in the world. The streets and canals in Venice are so narrow that the runners would be unable to overtake, and would finish in the order in which they set out, were it not that the course passes through the interior of 10 of the largest churches in Venice, where there is ample passing room. Entrants should carry plenty of change, in case entry to the church is charged. For these and many other details, send an SAE to me, c/o Moreover Mobile Cappucchino Canteen, *The Times*.

WEDNESDAY PAGE

TALKBACK

Interfering with nature

From Polly Phillimore, Flat 3, 38 Treguntеr Road, London SW10

I have read your report on surrogate mothers (Wednesday Page, April 25) with horror and dismay.

I believe that the waiting list for adoption is long for white children but that there are plenty of non-Caucasian children in need of adoption. If a child is so desperately wanted but a woman is infertile any child requiring a home should fulfill this need.

Test-tube babies are the product of the sperm and ova of a man and a woman who wish to bring up *their* child together. This justification for interfering with nature cannot be upheld in the use of a surrogate mother.

The unacceptability of this method is clear on any grounds. Couples who consider themselves as upright, moral and Christian members of society seem able to condone offering money to a woman to conceive and bear a child solely to bring happiness and satisfaction to their own lives. We ought to note with care the mother's admission to missing the child and wondering how she is developing; she dismissed this as "just motherhood curiosity". Exactly. She will always be wondering about that child – long after the money has gone.

Meat-eating and arthritis cures

From Fabienne Smith, 55 Manor Place, Edinburgh EH3 7EG.

There is no general connection between dropping meat-eating and losing arthritis (Talkback April 11); it is a question of an *individual's* allergenic foods causing that particular symptom in a given case. Mr Gatling could test by reintroducing foods singly to see which give reactions and which are safe.

I once cured a bad arthritic as dramatically as Mr Gatling cured himself, by advising her to cut out meats. All pain and stiffness went after ten years of being drugged to the eyeballs by orthodox doctors, as she put it to me, and often still crying with pain. But *any* allergen can produce *any* allergy symptom. Your Talkback correspondent Mrs Payne (Jan 13), also cured bad arthritis, but not by cutting out all meats – her allergens happened to have a different pattern.

The Times Cook will appear next Wednesday.

Richard Ford reports on marriages that cause suspicion and fear in Northern Ireland

By the church divided

Patrick McGurk's last view of his girlfriend was as she lay in her coffin. She had committed suicide after being harassed and tormented because she was going out with a Roman Catholic.

Protestant youths in a small Northern Ireland farming town had insulted Yvonne Hunter, a 22-year-old Presbyterian factory worker, only hours before she took a fatal overdose of drugs. She had also been under pressure from friends to end her seven-month relationship with Patrick, a 23-year-old Catholic.

After testifying at last month's inquest into her death, Patrick went home to his parents in Moneymore, Co. Londonderry and sobbed all night. He had told the coroner that although he had never been harassed, his car had been followed on occasions. The message from his tormentors is now clear – give up the girl.

Patrick met Yvonne in one of the only bars in the town where Protestant and Roman Catholic youngsters mix freely, and the relationship quickly became common knowledge in the small town.

But although both families had welcomed Patrick and Yvonne into their homes, pressures in Northern Ireland, especially among the working classes, would have made it very difficult for the relationship to flourish. Mixed marriages are a major cause of tension in the community, causing deep suspicion and fears that they are a ploy to undermine each other's faith.

Perhaps Patrick's mother highlights those barriers. In attending Yvonne's funeral, it was the first time she'd ever set foot in a Presbyterian church and even then her presence was conspicuous as most of the Protestant women, according to custom, did not attend.

Although Mrs McGurk would like her five children to marry "their own religion", she did not stop Patrick's relationship with Yvonne, but admits that if they had married they would probably have had to set up home away from the town. "If they'd stayed it might have got much worse than just name-calling. There might have been physical attacks."

But not all parents are as understanding as Mrs McGurk. Trish Blackburn still remembers her mother's horror on hearing that she intended to marry her long-standing Protestant boyfriend Terry. Slicing onions in the kitchen, her staunchly Roman Catholic mother dropped the knife, almost cutting her foot, shouted, "Jesus, Mary and Joseph", and burst into tears.



In spite of this opposition, Trish married Terry. It is easier for middle-class couples like them, comfortable in East Belfast – particularly those who have left the family home. But for others, the pressures from parents, and more so from grandparents, aunts and uncles, are enormous.

One such case is Gerard (not his real name) who had been brought up by his working-class parents in Bude. Until he was 19 and working, he had never knowingly met a Protestant, let alone considered going out with a Protestant girl.

He had always thought of Protestants as "Bible thumpers standing on soap boxes", and for several years still did not feel safe to make close friends with them. Because of the hard-line Republican housing estate on which he lived, he knew of the hostility that had arisen in the past when Protestants had gone to neighbouring houses. "I just did not feel safe with having Protestant friends – you don't shed 19 years overnight."

He met Ruth, a Protestant, from a town several miles away at work, where there was banter between "Taigs and Prods", and a year later they began going out, knowing they were courting disapproval from both sets of parents. They were, and remain, strong disciples of their respective faiths and knew of the problems ahead. One of Ruth's brothers was in the security forces, and her father would never attend a marriage held in a Roman Catholic church. Gerard's father had ominously warned: "I have nothing against Protestants but marrying one is going too far."

So when the couple announced their intention to marry, the reaction was as expected. Gerard's parents refused to meet Ruth, forbade her from entering their home and whenever he left to meet her, they made insulting comments. Two years later their hostility is unrelenting. They have never met nor seen his wife. An invitation to the wedding went unanswered and none of his family was at the service in a Protestant church.

"They were insulted to be invited in the first place and though I see them every week they have never come to our house."

Initially Ruth's family was as unhappy, but after six months Gerard met her father and he is now accepted as their son-in-law. They live near each other. He plays snooker and pool with her brothers and on one memorable occasion her brothers argued with some youths who had jibed about their sister.

Both churches also added to the couple's problems. Gerard, who had given a written promise to educate any children in the Catholic faith, was refused dispensation to marry in a Protestant church. He has never been given any reason, despite requests to his bishop. The Kirk Session of Ruth's Presbyterian church turned down their request to marry, hinting that there might be protests about the match, as there had already been gossip. Eventually they married in another Protestant church where Ruth now regularly attends while her husband goes to Mass each week.

Their experiences have made them question their respective religions for the first time and their children will be educated in the state system. They will be allowed to decide their religion themselves.

"It has strengthened the bond between us, but we still are very angry at the obstacles put in our way by the churches, particularly as we were both believers rather than token members", says Gerard, who is still attempting to persuade his church to recognize the marriage so that he can take sacraments.

They have been fortunate in being able to buy their own home in a town not noted for sectarian strife and they deny there are any arguments because of their different cultural and religious backgrounds, though they have always agreed to forget certain things like politics and the position of the Virgin Mary in the Roman Catholic faith.

The suspicion, although many couples deny it, is that major differences are deliberately submerged to prevent family disagreements. And whatever the initial hostility of respective families, most discover that over the years it evaporates, particularly if grandchildren are born.

As one Roman Catholic married to a Protestant put it: "My mammy thinks he's wonderful. She keeps saying I'm so lucky and that he even does the dishes once a week as well as making me go to Mass."

'Traitors to their faith'

The hostility to mixed marriages in Northern Ireland is merely a manifestation of the attitude to religion in the Province. Those who marry "against their faith" are seen as traitors to it.

As James Boyd, former professor of practical theology at the Presbyterian Theological College, said: "There is a triumphalism in Irish religion. To turn your coat is a terrible thing as it is seen as disloyalty and betrayal. Even a person converting to become a Protestant will remain in many people's eyes a Roman Catholic at heart and vice versa. In a province where the extended family network of relations is still a dominant feature of life, the cultural pressures on young couples contemplating a mixed marriage are enormous."

It is certainly easier for middle-class couples like Trish and Terry Blackburn. They live in East Belfast where anonymity can be a welcome shield against the jibes. Many couples must move to towns miles from their homes to find this anonymity – and peace. Others simply face enormous hurdles before reaching the altar.

The churches, on both sides, do little to help. Before Gerard and Ruth married, they came up against the panoply of the churches and it is this that most couples in mixed marriages remember with bitterness and contempt. The unevenness of the application of the Roman Catholic Church's response to requests for dispensation to marry a Protestant arouses most hostility, particularly if priests put pressure on the Protestant partner to convert. Even articulate middle-class couples have difficulties, though frequently priests retreat in the face of strong argument or the threat of a Register Office wedding.

Protestant partners no longer have to give any promise about the upbringing of any children but the Roman Catholic makes one orally and sometimes in writing.

Even though many Protestants see the Roman Catholic Church's insistance on the promise a form of "genocide" for their faith, they are frequently as hard-line, with the Presbyterian church discouraging their members "for their own sakes" from entering a mixed marriage and some ministers refuse to marry a couple for fear of antagonizing their congregation. Such attitudes on both sides often result in couples drifting away from the church altogether while others seek to marry outside the country.

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Scargill's ace

The coal strike gets more confusing by the day. Publicizing their cause in the May Day issue of the *Morning Star* yesterday, the Yorkshire NUM endorsed a statement which Mrs Thatcher made during the Falklands crisis: "You have to be prepared to defend those things in which you believe, and be prepared to use force, if that is the only way to secure the future of liberty and self-determination." Perhaps Mrs Thatcher could now unearth an old Scargill pearl to support her stand against the miners.

Strats off

So much for the traditions of English public schools – Winchester has just abolished straw boaters. John Thorn, the headmaster, says that, at £16 a throw, the "strat" was an unnecessary expense for parents – who pay £5,000 a year in fees. Apart from a "blitz" when the Queen came, the strats were becoming so tatty that, I am told, boys looked like versions of Worzel Gummidge. Old boys are not amused. Some tell me that Thorn, who retires as head after 17 years next year, has taken the decision for fear that his successor, yet to be appointed, would ban the boaters to demonstrate the power of his new broom. "Some subtleties are beyond me" said Thorn.

Chelsea pad

The Home Secretary, Leon Brittan, was urged by Lord Chalfont yesterday to police the Libyan People's School in Glebe Place, Chelsea, for fear it will be used as a refuge or training camp for Libyan hit squads. The school, now bereft of 45 diplomats' children following the exodus last week, has a flat roof – *ideal for a helicopter landing pad* – and a fortress style steel-framed structure.

Enforced policing, however, could well have dangerous consequences; when I visited the school yesterday, a car filled with police officers was parked outside and another posse was in the playground. The headmaster, Ibrahim Tafour, was incensed, and told them that any attempt to search the building – adorned with Gaddafi posters – would be resisted. One officer somewhat desperately asked if he could use the school lavatories. "Clear off", said Tafour.

Museum piece

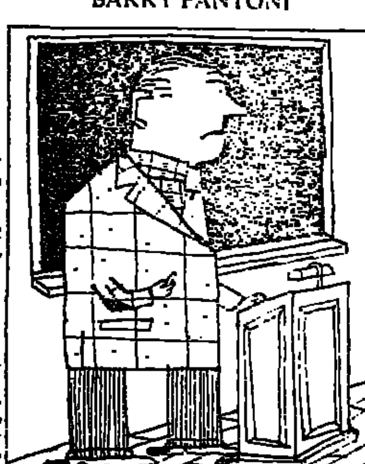
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Only one party is happy about the 200 sheets of hand-engraved writing paper which have just been printed: Lonsdale Engraving of London. To save his embarrassment, the company refuse to name the diplomat who settled the £60 bill from Tripoli two weeks ago.

Filed away

One question the Government will have to answer over the Libyan affair is whether it was aware that the US State Department kept a file on Abdul Ghadir Khalifa Baghdadi, the leader of the revolutionary committee which took over the People's Bureau in February. Baghdadi studied sociology at Michigan State University from 1978-80, but did not complete the course. One reference in the US file describes him as a "disreputable sort of fellow". A fellow student at Michigan State was Musa Kusa, the former secretary of the bureau who was thrown out of Britain in 1980 for saying that more anti-Gaddafi Libyans in Britain would be killed.

BARRY FANTONI



'If it takes one minister three days to earn £265, how long does it take a teacher to get an extra seven and a half per cent?'

Off the shelf

For people who make careers out of storing books and documents with military precision, the Library Association has just made an appalling gaffe. It cannot find its own Royal Charter, bestowed and signed by Queen Victoria in 1877. I am told it probably disappeared "on the road" while on exhibition.

Hair blackshirts

Some mothers do have 'em. First, Lady Mosley virtually ostracizes her stepson Nicholas for his caustic biography of Sir Oswald. Now her son by her first marriage, Jonathan Guinness, is tempting her further wrath by publishing in October the first biography of all seven Mitfords. It will be called *Shrieks and Floods* – of outrage and tears?

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Why Len Murray decided to quit: by Paul Routledge



Milestones in the career of the Shropshire lad. 1960, as the ambitious head of the TUC's economic and research department. 1976, with wife Heather after recovering from a heart attack. "I shall be reassessing my work load," he said at the time. "This has taught me that I am not a superman." February 1984, speaking in support of the GCHQ workers, a dispute that soured his relations with the government and is thought to have been at least a contributory factor behind his decision to retire three years early

Lonely fate of the rejected realist

Failing health is the reason being given among those in the know for *Len Murray's impending early* retirement from his post as general secretary of the TUC. But failing policies have also contributed to an air of lost confidence and missed opportunities that may have persuaded him to step down three years before he is required to go.

Just a few months ago, "Lionel" (as he is often better known in the trade union movement) was riding high. His view that the unions should not be drawn into an all-out conflict with the Government over the unpopular dispute between the NGA and Mr Eddie Shah won majority support in the TUC general council.

But then came the Cabinet's decision to withdraw recognition from the civil service unions at GCHQ Cheltenham, and the crisis over relations with the Government was revived in a new and unexpectedly sharp form. Even the moderates in the TUC's ruling councils wanted to make a public break in links with the Government, a development that Mr Murray *deplored and fought against.*

Some hard words have been exchanged in recent weeks in the relative privacy of Congress House, the TUC headquarters in Great Russell Street. The moderate coalition on the general council that was supposed to usher in a new era of "realism" has not held together and the one-off boycott of the National Economic Development Council has been turned into an open-ended curtailment of such links with ministers.

It must have been a bitter pill for Mr Murray to swallow; he has long been a passionate defender of the NEDC and of union participation in top-level bargaining with the government of the day. "Neddy" is a totem of that kind of partnership, and he cannot view with equanimity the prospect of a permanent break with the decades of the corporatist influence that results from having at least one foot in the corridors of power.

But the Shropshire lad who flirted briefly with the Communist Party and now takes his turn as a Christian lay preacher has appeared to his colleagues as an increasingly tetchy figure, isolated from the left who refused to back him when he became general secretary in 1973 but without a secure power base among the moderate and right-wing union leaders who assumed power at the 1983 Congress in Blackpool.

He took office without the support of the TUC's biggest affiliate – the Transport and General Workers' Union – and the rift has never really healed. No general *secretary has been so obliged to use* the right to vote as he has on key committees of the general council (and within the general council itself). That personal exercise of voting power cannot simply be explained away by the fact that the influence of the trade union movement has waned so much during his term of office.

Mr Murray may have risen to the top by the natural operation of Buggins's law, which makes the long-serving deputy the next man for the job, but he very much wanted to be his own man. In one of his first interviews he said: "I can fight for my own views in the formulation of policy. I am not merely a delegate in the sense that I just repeat what I am told to. Having heard the views of the other side, I have to interpret them and make judgments."

Those views were expressed just a few months before his first big crisis as general secretary – the 1974 miners' strike which precipitated the downfall of Mr Edward Heath's Conservative government. Not long after it began, he came out into a cold February night in Downing Street, incredulous that Mr Heath and his ministers would not take his word that, if the miners were allowed to drive a coach and horses through the statutory incomes policy, others would not seek to follow.

His abasement at the hands of the Heath cabinet must have been assuaged over the next five years, however, when the TUC enjoyed unprecedented access to ministers and influence over the Wilson/Callaghan administration that took office during the pit strike. It was a honeymoon period between the unions and their chosen government, and the ill-fated 1971 Industrial Relations Act was scrapped forthwith.

It must have seemed like the millennium, but it did not last. Within days of being gazetted as a privy councillor in May 1976, Murray suffered a heart attack after being barracked by hard-left delegates at a *conference of construction* workers in Scarborough.

He was there to defend the "social contract", the high point of union-government collaboration which yielded a £6 a week pay rise for every worker in the land – more than most unions had ever negotiated in direct talks with their employers.

From that time on it was a hard struggle within the union movement to maintain its loyalty to the Labour government, but it was a battle that, by and large, was fought successfully. Murray was an articulate and clever spokesman in defence of the social contract, which broke down only when the unions finally felt betrayed by Mr Callaghan when he postponed the general election that they all expected in the autumn of 1978.

Callaghan's celebrated "Waiting at the Church" speech to the Brighton TUC congress that year prompted most union leaders to believe that a general election was in the offing, and the collapse of those expections led directly to the so-called "winter of discontent" over wages and Labour's failure at the polls in May 1979.

There followed one of the bleakest periods in the TUC's history. Murray was definely not welcome in Downing Street, and the unions were increasingly shut out of direct contacts with ministers. There was a strong reaction in the unions and pressure grew for the TUC to break off top-level contacts with the Cabinet through the NEDC. Murray fought this isolationist tendency, even threatening to resign if the TUC ended its role as a social partner with government.

He succeeded in sustaining the unions' direct participation in talks with ministers, but the ground was cut from under his feet by the events at GCHQ and the new Trade Union Bill, which goes further than any previous legislation in requiring the unions to conform to Conservative models of how they should behave.

The centre-right coalition on the TUC general council which was supposed to enjoy a two-to-one majority collapsed under these hammer blows, undermining the Murray stance at the same time.

Murray's aides – and there are none more loyal – were last night insisting that there are no deep political reasons for his early retirement. But he has not been absent from work through illness of late, despite his heart attack eight years ago, and if he is sick he may just be sick of the internal wrangling within the TUC

At the Scottish TUC conference two weeks ago, the resolution seeking to reassert trade union defiance of the Government's labour laws was bland enough, but the speeches were unremittingly hostile to the Murray line of no all-out conflict with the Government. That pressure was to have been kept up all through the summer months by leaders of the NGA, who have not forgotten or forgiven the general council's "betrayal" of their stand against the law.

By this source – a long-standing member of the general council – he was not judged a success in his punishing job. He came to office when the general council was dominated by two key figures – Jack Jones of the transport workers and Hugh Scanlon of the engineers.

When they retired, to be replaced by the less inspiring Moss Evans and Terry Duffy respectively, there was a vacuum of power that Murray himself eventually filled, but not effectively. The "new realism" of the last congress, which produced a general council that should have been receptive to Murray's policies and style, in fact proved to be more elusive than expected.

In the private committees, where the general secretary can usually count on getting his own way, Murray suffered two serious setbacks in recent months. In the economic committee his insistence on continued participation in the NEDC failed when the traditionally moderate General and Boilermakers' Union sided with the left, and in the employment policy and organization committee a paper from his staff on the Trade Union Bill was judged to be too timid and was sent back to be hardened up.

To most people, these may appear mere pinpricks, but in the context of the TUC they were perhaps the beginning of the end. Murray's departure has been a well-kept secret for nearly a week, but his fellow leaders have not spent the time trying to persuade him to stay.

Robin Cook

Save your local think tank

Tomorrow, citizens of large tracts of *Britain* go to the polls to elect councillors to safeguard their local interests. With a timing which reveals a neat contempt for local government, the Prime Minister chose last weekend to repeat her satisfaction at having challenged what she termed "the vested interest" of local authorities.

It is possible to cavil at the use of the phrase "vested interest" to describe bodies which are elected by universal suffrage on a franchise open to every adult citizen within their border. There is no denying the vigour with which Mrs Thatcher's two administrations have set about curbing their freedom and subjecting them to central imperatives. Not a parliamentary year has passed without fresh bills to provide for the rate-capping or knee-capping of local authorities until they are now thoroughly hobbled by the purse strings.

Notoriously, the metropolitan councils face the ultimate sanction of becoming divested interests, and legislation is in train to relieve their residents of the troublesome business of going to the polling stations. The more widespread danger is that the surviving local councils will be so hedged in by central directives and sapped of financial resources that they will represent only the trappings of local democracy – sort of elective gauleiters, chosen locally, but controlled centrally. It is a measure of the success of the New Right in concentrating power in central authority that it should be necessary to restate the case for local democracy.

To begin with the argument that *might be thought to cut most ice* with modern Toryism, local authorities are worth preserving on grounds of efficiency. There is simply no more effective way of tailoring public services to local needs than leaving the decision on detail to local people. Any unreconstructed centralists who harboured the delusion that greater efficiency might be attained by direct rule from Marsham Street must have had their faith sorely tried by the repeated failure of the Department of Environment to hit on a means of reflecting the full spectrum of local needs and conditions in the disbursement of grants – let alone, administration of how the money is best spent.

There is a second consideration which should weigh with more traditional Conservatives. Local authorities are a vital ingredient in the pluralism without which democracy will fail. They are the only body other than Parliament elected by universal franchise and therefore *provide an essential check and* balance within the distribution of power. Even the inconvenient habit of the electorate of voting into local office whichever party is in parliamentary opposition fulfils a healthy role in redistributing power and serving notice on government. Remove, or undermine local authorities, and British democracy turns solely on the elected dictatorship of the Commons majority.

Which brings us to the third reason why local authorities should be *cherished. Local democracy is* worth defending precisely because it is democratic. It is an important point of principle that local communities should be free to settle for themselves the quality of local services, and to determine locally the extent to which rates should be increased to improve on them. That principle is negated when Whitehall obliges local electorates to submit to homogenized levels of service, and Westminster legislates for a standardized amount of rates increase.

In some respects local authorities are more democratic than Parliament. Having served in both, I can testify that the committee system of local government enables the individual councillor to participate in decision making, while the ritual clash of whipped parties on the floor of the Commons is preserved by the business managers precisely because it excludes backbench members from decision making, which is confined to the Treasury bench.



Patrick Jenkin: his plans to control the councils will mean not only the death of local democracy but will stifle the social innovation that has been of benefit nationally

Such considerations illustrate why local authorities should be preserved, but it would be a major mistake to allow Whitehall's assault on local authorities to set the agenda of debate so that the case for local democracy is presented in only defensive terms.

Local democracy should be fostered and promoted because it is a creative force with the potential to discover novel solutions to social problems and to pioneer fresh means of meeting community needs. If we take an historical sweep of our public services we will find that from municipal transport to comprehensive education the original concept – and the first experiments were nurtured at local level and it was the demonstration of local success that led to national application. The real cost of the multiple shackles of the past five years is that in bringing local authorities under central control, they may have crushed the flowering of innovation at local level.

If this centripetal trend is to be arrested, all those concerned by it must turn out to be counted tomorrow among those who value and use their local democracy.

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Bernard Levin on one evil the NCCL has chosen to ignore

Taking a liberty with our basic freedom

The campaign to turn the National Council for Mainly, Though Not Quite Exclusively, Left-Wing Civil Liberties into the National Council for None But Left-Wing Civil Liberties and the Vigorous Suppression of the Civil Liberties of Everybody Else is going swimmingly. This morning, however, I am in the role of a fish that wants to swim the other way.

The NCCL recently celebrated its 50th birthday. Like many birthday parties, this one got out of hand towards evening, and the beano was concluded by the organization shooting itself in the foot with the decision, taken after a series of votes at its annual conference, to establish a party-political test for those who apply to it for help in defending their civil liberties: those who fail the test by being too right-wing are to be sent away empty-handed. The event that led to this decision was an application for advice from the Council by a member of the National Front who felt that his civil liberties were *being infringed.*

Advice was forthcoming from NCCL staff, without a prior demand to know the applicant's party colours; such honest abiding by the principles of freedom and impartiality infuriated the advocates of a political purity test, and the conference ended with a series of resolutions designed to ensure that such a thing should never happen again. Not all of these resolutions were carried, which is why I say that the campaign is going well rather than that it has succeeded, but the NCCL *now has an official policy* of not offering advice on the basis of a breach of civil liberty without reference to political belief.

An organization for the defence of civil liberties which distinguishes one client from another according to the favour in his button hole, and refuses service to those sporting the wrong one, is very considerably worse than useless. The NCCL, as those who have followed its fortunes will know, has more than once rendered itself a nullity: not long before the Second World War it became, and remained for some years, little more than a Communist Party front, and with the spread and rise of Trotskyite *groupuscules* in the late 1960s it took on their colouring in much the same way.

All that, we were recently promised, was, or shortly would be, a thing of the past. A new general secretary, Mr Larry Gostin, had publicly declared that it was his aim to broaden the scope and political range of the council's work and to gain all-party support. He did indeed succeed in the latter aim, by attracting a very wide selection of *commendation for his organization* on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and he certainly seemed to be serious in the former aim also: he strongly opposed the conference decision to deny help to those of the wrong political persuasion. (Incidentally, Mr Gostin is an American; so is the director of the British section of Amnesty; so is the young lady who invents statistics for Mr Scargill. I am notoriously pro-American, but I am even more Pro-British: at a time of very high unemployment in this country, is it *really impossible for such posts to be* filled by those who are native here and to the manner born?)

I have repeatedly pointed out that those people whose excursions into controversy go no further than a wish to draw attention to the beauty of daffodils, the health-giving properties of freshly-squeezed orange juice and the fact that in any right-angled triangle the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides do not need an organization to help them keep their civil liberties, because no one is trying to take these away. I summed up the important truth behind that principle with the unambiguous, though perhaps indelicate, formulation, "Free speech is for bastards too".

And in practice it is only the bastards who have to go to the NCCL to have their rights protected. Hitherto, they have been able to do so in the confident expectation that they will get the succour they ask for; now, they will find on the gates a sign reading, "No bastards need apply".

But the trouble is, as those who *have kept even one half-open* and bloodshot eye on the NCCL will know, that that stern injunction does not represent the attitude of the NCCL at all. The latest decision, to deny "racist" and "fascist" organizations unquestioned help in defending their civil liberties, is indefensible. But anti-liberty bodies of the left may still rely on NCCL support. And long before the present problem arose, the NCCL's commitment to civil liberty was questionable, not least because it permits members of organizations with openly totalitarian *aims to serve on its executive* and on its paid staff.

I think there has never been a time when there was no member of the Communist Party on the NCCL's executive. A body which has always claimed a monopoly of political power and rights, and which works unceasingly to destroy the freedom of everybody except members of the party in good standing, is an implausible defender of civil liberties; the Vegetarian Society is widely respected even by many who eat meat, but it would not long continue to be so if its council included a director of MacDonalds, a group of practising cannibals and the man who cuts the throats of the pigs who are to be made into Walls pork pies.

This is a matter of principle, but there is a matter of practice which, even if it has no connexion with the principle, is an important clue to the NCCL's attitude to its responsibilities. We shall continue to need some kind of body to defend our civil liberties until the Home Office is razed to the ground, the ruins sown with salt and all its inhabitants shipped off to Devil's Island with no hope to return. But there are constant private as well as government threats to civil liberties, and the greatest of these for some years now has been the conduct of some trade unions in practising coercion and intimidation against their members and others. Among the range of union practices which deny civil liberties, the worst are the institutions of the closed shop and the methods used to enforce it. And what has been the response of the NCCL? To look the other way.

It was the Freedom Association, not the NCCL, which helped the six employees of British Rail to fight and win their case, at the European Court, against being dismissed for not belonging to a union.

The case offered, as perhaps its most grotesque and repulsive aspect, the spectacle of a minister in a Conservative government – the Solicitor-General – arguing the case *for* their dismissal). The NCCL, by its conduct in this area, has consistently made clear that it does not regard the closed shop or the wretched tyrannies it has spawned as any kind of diminution of civil liberties; it is chiefly that fact that led me, in my first words today, to suggest that it has acted more as a body concerned with left-wing causes rather than civil liberties.

But not entirely. The council *has* taken up some cases of right-wing, even extreme right-wing, victims of the denial of liberty; it has *not* hitherto sought to impose a political means test; and I for one have been willing to give it, and Mr Gostin, the benefit of a fairly massive range of doubts.

No longer. A body which claims to defend civil liberties but announces that "civil liberties" is now to mean "civil liberties for those whose political views we approve of" has destroyed its credibility and its integrity alike. I see no reason why anyone who joined it in the belief that it would always uphold civil liberties for all should continue to belong to it and to pay it money to further its new and unacceptable policies.

David Hart

Kinnock? Ah yes, I remember him

Mrs Thatcher's government, whatever its failings, is not seen as weak. Where there is strong government, in a free country, there will be strong opposition. It is almost a law of social equilibrium. If this opposition is not articulated in Parliament, it will try to find other channels for its expression.

The honeymoon is over for Mr Kinnock, and the opinion polls begin to reflect it. He has been unable to conceal the bankruptcy of his economic argument in the face of a recovery that is now plain. Council house sales have been popular with his constituencies, as is denationalization. He has failed to capture the high ground of moral principle.

The failure of the official Opposition has provided the opportunity for a much nastier unofficial opposition to gather momentum. The first clear signs are emerging among the miners. When he addressed the NUM faithful in Sheffield on April 19, Arthur Scargill *did not simply change his* union's rules. He confirmed his role as leader of a new, extra parliamentary political force.

Walking among the crowd of militant young miners that day, I did not hear one good word for the Labour Party. Instead, their hopeful faces were turned up to a scaffolding platform, behind the City Hall, from which hard-left political rhetoric was offered with a seasoning of free beer, presumably financed by the union, and occasional songs.

We were all waiting for Scargill. The morning wore on. A toothless warrior, covered in badges, stood to attention to sing a Scottish love song. More effective than any number of police officers, he brought several thousand miners to a complete stop. Other speakers made extravagant and florid personal attacks Mrs Thatcher and on the police. They were all received with cheers.

Martin Flannery, a Sheffield Labour MP, told us that the police had broken the "law of the land" and that the miners should decide what they were *going to do* about it. Another speaker urged the crowd to "get stuck into the police". Individuals in the crowd engaged police officers with insults and Marxist rhetoric. To add insult to injury – more than 100 police officers have been hurt in this dispute so far – the local left-wing police committee looked on from a flat above the square to monitor police activity.

As the morning wore on, inescapable thoughts of Nuremberg arose. The affair was better humoured, but not so efficiently organized. Yet there was in the air the unmistakeable stench of fascism.

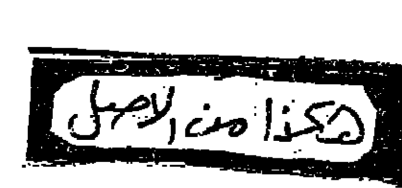
Scargill's address, when he emerged, was stilted, technical, without inspiration. He read a *prepared statement.* None the less all present roared their applause at every pause, and raised their clenched fists, again and again in aggressive salute. In Scargill these frustrated, directionless young militants, with help from skilled agitators, have found a messiah who promises to lead them out of the dark valleys of decaying pits, declining industries, and feelings of personal hopelessness, into a promised land which is still to be defined positively but which would certainly not include such "luxuries" as real democracy and real freedom, although the words would be much used to describe tyranny and slavery.

Scargill and his lieutenants have seized these men and welded them into a new crusade against a new class of infidel, the Thatcherites.

Though Scargill has a declared aim within the industry – the withdrawal of the decision to close uneconomic pits – his consistent and open submerging of this objective when addressing his *troops, enables him to prolong* the struggle whatever happens in the industry. Even if the Coal Board accedes to all his demands he would soon find another excuse for more militant action against "Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship". Another Grunwick would present itself.

Such extraparliamentary opposition cannot be defeated in the body politic by high coal stocks at the power stations or by the police upholding the law. These men will have to be defeated in the soul politic, too. The sensible majority of ordinary Britons, including miners, must be inspired to persuade the new opposition that it is unwelcome.

If Mr Kinnock would express himself clearly on this issue he would regain support as well as honour. The official Opposition would become, once more, the real opposition.



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THE CHINA CARD

President Reagan has had a rather bumpy ride in China but that was to be expected. There are too many unresolved issues between the two countries for the visit to have been a smooth celebration of amity. This will not necessarily damage the President amongst his own voters. Some may see the censoring of his remarks by Chinese television as a rebuff; others may applaud him for not trimming his remarks to take account of Chinese sensibilities. At any rate, some such calculation must have been behind his decision to talk about religion and free enterprise in an officially atheist, communist state. His image at home, after all, is that of a sincere, straight-speaking man who has no great need for the subtleties of traditional diplomacy. He gave it to the Chinese straight, and if they did not like it that was their problem. Reports that he nodded off during a ceremony may stimulate more comment than other weightier matter.

However, some of those more concrete issues are not so easily disposed of. Taiwan is the most obvious. The Chinese made it clear that the Americans should "not interfere" in the reunification of Taiwan with China. President Reagan, this time uncensored, insisted that while he would encourage a peaceful solution "we don't believe it would be right to cast aside longtime old friends in order to make new friends". Chinese complaints about continuing – though diminishing – deliveries of American arms to Taiwan were rebuffed. To expect anything better than a state of manageable disagreement on this issue would be unrealistic.

The Chinese reaction to President Reagan's remarks on the Soviet Union should also have been no cause for surprise. The Chinese are cautiously mending fences with the Soviet Union, not with any hope of a warm relationship but in order to avoid unnecessary tension and maintain the balance of their foreign policy. They will shortly be receiving a high-level visitor from Moscow. It was therefore easily predictable that they would not wish to provide a platform for American attacks on the Soviet Union. Perhaps they were even a little surprised by the attacks in view of the relatively friendly communication which Mr Reagan sent recently to Mr Chernenko. In any case, not to have censored Mr Reagan's more hostile remarks on Chinese soil would have looked like an endorsement of them, especially to the Russians, who have been reacting nervously to the visit.

Chinese policy towards the Soviet Union is fundamentally consistent, even if tactics vary. Its main aim is to maintain an antagonistic balance between the super powers until they exhaust or destroy themselves or anyway cease to pose a threat to China. In the early 1970s China did everything it could to prevent the blooming of détente between them. It lambasted Soviet "hegemonism" at every opportunity and responded eagerly to American overtures, giving every impression of being interested in a common front against Moscow. Now that relations between Moscow and Washington are, from the Chinese point of view, satisfactorily low again, China can resume a more balanced position. The message for Mr Reagan has clearly been that China is a proud, independent nation that will seek correct and profitable relations with the super powers but will not be drawn by either into alliance against the other.

This still leaves considerable scope for fruitful relations between Washington and Peking. Although there are differences over the Middle East and Central America, there is a common interest in preventing Soviet expansion in Asia, and the growth of Soviet power in general. There is also considerable scope for trade as China pushes forward into modernization. In spite of its more pragmatic attitude, China today is still a communist state with many unresolved political and economic problems. It will not greet Western influence with open arms. Yet the opportunities are there, both political and economic, for the West to strengthen a relationship that is bound to remain central to global security.

TESTING, TESTING

British sixth-formers know more about their exam subjects than their peers in almost any other country: unfortunately they know almost nothing else. Education after sixteen in this country is intense but narrow, and pupils subjected to the stereotype of the three-A-level regime have all too little time to look outside it and build upon the fast-fading remnants of the little learning they acquired in O-level days. Even dons have begun to notice it, and complain – though it is dons who must in the last resort bear much of the blame. Sir Keith Joseph's proposals for new exams designed to enable full-time A-level students (and some others) to widen their area of study will not work, unless the institutions of higher education that those students have set their ambitions on treat the new courses seriously.

In spite of considerable expressed goodwill in higher education, the time is not altogether propitious. Though the Government is reluctant to admit it because of the cost implications, the best evidence indicates that demand for higher education is going to increase throughout the rest of this century, even though the overall number of young people in that age-range is likely to decline for most of that period. If higher education is unable to cater for a greater demand, competition will grow more intense, and students will be reluctant to take risks in the courses they choose. At the same time, smaller schools and sixth-form colleges may not be eager to invest in untried courses. Higher education will have to make it clear, through each university's official Requirements for Admission, that the risk is going to be worth taking.

The need is plain, and widely admitted. Last month, Oxford University told the University Grants Committee that the need for a broader sixth-form curriculum was "urgent". Three-quarters of A-level candidates drop either the humanities or science and maths completely at the age of 15 or 16. The result, when they get to college, is too often that the former are inarticulate (so their teachers bitterly complain) and the latter innumerate (their teachers may not always be qualified to notice). The dreadful plunge into a world unrelievedly scientific or relentlessly humane is one of the most dismal milestones of a school career. It is one of the causes of the "two cultures" divide which still runs through British society. Even within the two intellectual fortresses, the A-level pattern is often too inflexible to meet the needs of some students.

But the pattern has been formed chiefly by the requirements of higher education. General studies and non-exam courses have won little favour because they count little towards securing a college place. There is no avoiding the fact that a less narrow sixth-form regime will mean that university entrants are less thoroughly versed in the groundwork of their courses. The school week is only so long, and greater breadth can only be bought at the cost of some reduction in depth.

However, the change coincides with a reappraisal of patterns in higher education too. The Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, claimed last month, for instance, that degree courses are too much formed by the needs of the minority of students aiming to go into research, and that lightening the course load might produce less dissatisfaction in the majority, and an output of more graduates and better teachers. The more intense the competition to enter a particular field, the more students may fear taking risks with the new courses. Medicine is the most extreme case of a discipline where demand is often alleged to cause selectors to concentrate on academic attainment at the expense of other qualities valuable in a communicating and caring profession.

Sir Keith shows an awareness of the dangers in his insistence on quality: the new exams are to be intellectually on a par with A-levels, though covering less ground, and to be closely coordinated with them in syllabus, but with an emphasis on practical applications that may provide some counterweight to the tendency for the claims of the academic to prevail over those of the practical in Britain. They are to be marked by objective criteria, not so as to give a certain proportion of candidates a win (a requirement even more desirable with an experimental exam than it would be with the A-level itself). Universities must respond to all this constructively. But ultimately the esteem the new exams secure will depend on the impression its products make on college selectors, and on employers.

INSIDE NUMBER TEN

Inside most men and women with a strong interest in public affairs there lurks a would-be adviser to a prime minister. Consider the attractions. Without the need to suffer the indignity of the selection process to become a parliamentary candidate and the exhaustion of an election, or even the rigorous requirements of the Civil Service Selection Board and the steady plod to high Whitehall office, you can have the ear of the mighty. Hobby-horses when translated into a Prime Minister's Minute acquire the ability to run and run where, in less exalted circumstances, they could fall at the first fence, victims of scepticism and conventional wisdom. Yet the life of a prime minister's intimate can be perilous. One slip and you plunge into outer darkness. The safe route is conformity to the known preferences of the patron. That path is itself a form of death, according to Sir Alfred Sherman, a Thatcher intimate from the Centre for Policy Studies stable, in his lecture at the London School of Economics last night. He would sooner, he said, face political death than become a courtier.

Mrs Thatcher's premiership has been singular for several reasons. One unusual aspect has been the cluster of former advisers who have gone public on their craft while she is still in No 10 (indeed, Sir Alfred, who was never on the Whitehall payroll, can still be called an adviser in the informal sense of the word). The couple who have lectured on the subject in the past five days, Sir Alfred and Mr Norman Strauss, a member of the Downing Street Policy Unit until 1982, have gone against the contemporary grain by suggesting that, far from the Prime Minister's style being too presidential and insufficiently collective, Mrs Thatcher should isolate herself still further (Mr Strauss's advice) and strengthen herself against the pressures of Whitehall and vested departmental interests (Sir Alfred).

Two more Thatcher advisers have in the recent past contributed to the debate on how the Prime Minister should run the country. The best known is Sir John Hoskyns, her former senior policy adviser, who has said repeatedly in public that without a transfusion of new men and new methods into Whitehall, even a formidable politician like Mrs Thatcher cannot devise a strategy for lasting economic recovery. While Professor John Ashworth, Vice-Chancellor of Salford University and former Chief Scientist in the Central Policy Review Staff, has told her not to despise the social sciences or think tanks and to avoid "the temptation to look to ... husbands, chauffeurs, hairdressers, old school chums and especially family relatives for advice and support in fields other than the emotional/personal".

Sound men, the "good and the great" of public life, may bridle when Sir Alfred and Mr Strauss denounce the Civil Service and call for innovation, creativity, fantasy or isolation. Heterodoxy, and spiky people to promulgate it, are a necessary part of any prime ministerial team. So are Whitehall greybeards, those whom Hugh Dalton called "congenital snaghunters" to stop the "creative" ones getting out of hand. Such a team also needs a fixer or two, someone who knows where the bodies are buried in Whitehall, someone who can decode the real meaning of bland departmental submissions that cross the prime minister's desk. In short, what is needed, is a *cabinet* on the French model. In her expanded Policy Unit, Mrs Thatcher has something very close to it.

The existence of her second-term Policy Unit under the leadership of Mr John Redwood, raises two questions, one internal the other external. Does it pass the Sherman test of eschewing sycophancy and of telling the "patron" only those things she has "not heard before, but which once heard impress themselves"? Does it, put another way, speak truth to power? If it is so valuable to the Prime Minister why cannot her more heavily burdened Cabinet ministers have their own *cabinets*? The Treasury and the Foreign Office are pivotal institutions. Defence, Health and Social Security and Environment are big businesses as well as great departments of state. They would surely be more manageable if their secretaries of state each had a team of innovators, snag hunters and fixers? Or is that asking too much of a Prime Minister who, like all her recent predecessors in No 10, too often feels cornered or outnumbered when faced with the departmental satrapies that surround her?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Archbishop and miners' strike

From the Archbishop of York

Sir, Forgive me for returning to a small matter which has already received far more publicity than it deserves. However, Mr Enoch Powell has, for reasons best known to himself, chosen to launch an extraordinary attack on my personal integrity, concerning a private letter I wrote some weeks ago to a miners' leader in my former diocese. And you yourself, Sir, have compounded the error in a leading article (April 28) and by a headline in which you describe me as supporting the miners' strike. May I therefore set the record straight?

My original letter was written in reply to a request for support and began by pointing out that in the Durham coalfield pit closures have been carried out on a massive scale, and with very little friction, for many years. I then drew attention to two main issues in the present dispute, the question of jobs and the question of long-term energy resources, and pointed out the need for caution.

It seemed to me at the time that the dispute was in danger of moving into areas about which rational discussion was impossible and my sole purpose in writing was to remind my correspondents of the basis on which Durham's excellent record of negotiation might be continued. I did not see myself as either supporting the strike or condemning it. That is not my business. In fact when I wrote it I felt that my letter erred on the side of being platitudinous.

Mr Powell based his attack on the sentence, "I believe we owe it to future generations not to close pits before they are properly worked out". By a very curious argument, which it is not necessary to repeat, he claimed that the word "properly" could be interpreted as meaning "no longer capable of yielding coal that can be disposed of for not less than it costs to mine".

He then accused me of not admitting openly that this is what I meant and made this the basis of a charge of moral and religious bankruptcy. Mr Powell once had a reputation for clear and rigorous logic, but I must confess that the logic of this particular argument escapes me.

The word "properly", in the sentence which he subjected to such tortuous analysis, takes its colour from the previous paragraph about successful pit closures. The simple and only point I have been concerned to make is that there is a civilised way of dealing with pit closures in which all the factors, human, economic and long-term, are balanced against one another and used as a basis for negotiated agreements.

It would be better for all concerned if those in the public eye tried to recapture this vision instead of indulging in foolish polemics.

Yours faithfully
JOHN EBOR:,
Bishopthorpe,
York.
April 30.

Holding one's own

From Mr Dennis White

Sir, Professor Thurstan Shaw (April 21) in his excellent letter on other people's cultural property writes, inter alia, "How should we feel if Argentina held Magna Carta ...?" I suggest that we should feel as the Scots feel about us having the Stone of Destiny.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS WHITE,
8 Nelson Street,
Dundee.
April 21.

Keeping jail balance

From Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Troup

Sir, Mr H. J. Appleton (April 23) has put our position as members of boards of visitors clearly and succinctly. However, I believe there is too little public knowledge about the plight of those held on remand.

If it was known, for instance, that some youths are held for six months or more in this state they would, I suggest, be appalled and that is why, in my view, Mr Morgan's article of April 7 is so important and why we, as members of boards, must continue to press for improvement.

The knock-on effect of time on remand for those sentenced to youth custody makes a nonsense for the many caring and hardworking prison staff who try so hard to correct and rehabilitate young offenders, but now have little time to do other than lock them up. It is quite common to receive youths with 12-month sentences with only four months to serve because of the time they have been kept on remand.

Surely we are long overdue in adopting the Scottish system, which requires all offenders to be brought to trial within 110 days?

Yours faithfully,
TONY TROUP,
Bridge Gardens,
Hungerford,
Berkshire.
April 23.

The easy option

From the Reverend Richard Willcock

Sir, The report of Prebendary Arthur Royall on ecclesiastical appointments (report, April 19) confirms the evidence of one's own eyes. The Holy Spirit does appear to blow from the north, backing southerly only when measurements for gaiters are taken.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WILLCOCK,
St Michael's Vicarage,
389 Bury and Rochdale Old Road,
Heywood,
Lancashire.
April 19.

Crackdown on diplomatic abuses

From Mr Peter Foster

Sir, Inevitably, a lot of nonsense is being written about the implications of the St James's Square incident and its antecedents. It ranges from the totally irresponsible – e.g., that we should send a punitive expedition to Libya to extract an apology and reparation for the murder of Yvonne Fletcher – to the obviously unrealistic – e.g., that the searching of diplomatic bags should be authorized on application by the International Court, the suspect bag presumably being held in bond while the legal action proceeded. May I suggest, if not a solution, at least a few practical parameters?

We have to start from the virtually certain assumption that the communist countries, not to go further and leaving aside mavericks like Gaddafi, would never accept a system of inspection, would block any attempt to set one up by international agreement and would take instant reprisals if any attempt were made to impose one on them.

The approach to tightening up on current abuse would have to be, therefore, through bilateral reciprocity, i.e., special restrictions applied between ourselves and specific countries. They could, for example, be made a prior condition of the resumption of diplomatic relations with Libya, if and when that time comes. We would thus not be unilaterally abrogating the Vienna Convention, only modifying its usual interpretation by mutual consent in specific cases.

Bilaterally agreed and reciprocally applied restrictions might take the form of granting immunity not to whole "pouches" (the size of a kit-bag) but only to individual packages of strictly limited size and weight, capable perhaps of concealing small quantities of drugs or plastic explosive, but not firearms. Larger items, which we should ourselves need to send by secure means from time to time, e.g., cypher machines and other security equipment, would have to be subject to X-ray examination.

Confidential correspondence, for which the diplomatic pouch was originally invented, would present the least problem of all: modern automated cypher systems linked by diplomatic wireless or telex have already replaced to a large extent and could replace almost entirely the transmission of paper.

Of course Gaddafi might refuse to accept the "humiliation" of such "discriminatory" conditions for resuming diplomatic relations. But would that be so sad? And an important corollary would be readiness on our part to break relations as soon as reasonable evidence of abuse had accumulated, rather than waiting for indisputable proof by public tragedy.

This could create some further redundancies in the Foreign Office's eatablishment, in Damascus, for example, as well as Tripoli. But the job of diplomats, as of other public servants, is to protect their country's interests, which include the upholding of international standards of civilized conduct.

Yours faithfuly,
PETER FOSTER,
The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.
April 28.

From Mr John Gouriet

Sir, Mr Maloney's thoughtful letter (April 25) highlights several points on which, if HM Government, or at least Cobra (Cabinet Office briefing room) have taken cognisance, there is little evidence of action.

Some so-called "civilised" people may eschew the time-honoured penalty of "an eye for an eye", but followers of the Koran still respect such a daunting deterrent.

Why is it that Cobra did not react with the same speed as its namesake? Why did we not immediately seek to galvanise world opinion in our favour, call a Security Council debate to redefine and amend the Vienna Convention? It is surely in most countries' interest to deny international terrorists shelter behind a cloak of diplomatic immunity.

If Nigeria can remove such immunity to thwart currency movements, how much more justified are HMG in bringing to justice those who saw fit to spray a London square with machine-gun bullets and so murder a police officer on duty.

British citizens, working on their own volition and presumably for substantial remuneration, in and for Libya, may have expected harassment, even deportation. However, I doubt that they would have fared worse. Colonel Gaddafi is certainly a fanatic, but he is not a fool. His zealots in St James's over-reacted; however he is unlikely to have compounded their gaffe had we taken a tougher line sooner, and provided we had world opinion with us.

Now it is suggested that the trail is too stale for even the forensic experts to identify the murderer. Nevertheless I believe it is totally unacceptable to the majority of the British people, and certainly to her colleagues, that those responsible for the death of WPC Fletcher should merely be deported, untried and therefore unpunished.

Yours faithfully
JOHN GOURIET (Chairman, Freedom in Action),
34 Parkview Court,
Fulham High Street, SW6.
April 26.

From Mr D. H. Street

Sir, Why do you say in your first leader (April 30) that there is no way that the St James's Square episode can be presented as other than a humiliation for the United Kingdom? On the contrary, our behaviour has in every way been honourable. If it has been honourable, it can't have been humiliating.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. STREET,
Lownds Farm, North Clifton,
Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire.

Polygraph tests

From Dr H. B. Gibson

Sir, Peter Hennessy (*The Times*, April 16) tells us that ministers have approved plans for psychological screening that may involve over 10,000 of GCHQ employees and security service officials, partly by means of lengthy questionnaires which emanate largely from the USA and sometimes by means of polygraph tests.

As a professional psychologist who has been investigating lying and deception for nearly 30 years and who has published some research papers on the subject, may I suggest that a great deal of people's time and a huge amount of money may be wasted thereby?

Research indicates that while a generally honest person, or a fool, may be caught lying by such methods, an intelligent and cunning liar will pass such tests with flying colours. Indeed, many of those who are known as true "psychopaths" have the extraordinary ability to lie far more successfully on lie tests than normal people precisely because their basic physiology is such that they do not react to stimuli that normally arouse guilt responses.

All this is old hat. Unfortunately there are always those who favour a policy of "jobs for the boys" (psychologists) and sometimes pull the wool over the eyes of trusting civil servants as successfully as intelligent liars tend to pull the wool over the eyes of their testers.

I should like to make a constructive suggestion: that a working party is set up, say by the British Psychological Society, consisting of *independent* experts in the field (ie, those who will have no financial gain if the existing scheme is implemented) to examine and report on the proposed battery of tests. An enormous amount of time and money may be saved thereby.

Yours faithfully,
H. B. GIBSON,
The Hatfield Polytechnic,
School of Natural Sciences,
Department of Psychology,
PO Box 109,
College Lane,
Hatfield,
Hertfordshire.
April 16.

Councils' obligations

From Mr John Edmonds

Sir, Surprisingly, your editorial (April 18) made no reference to the moral obligations of the councils who are cutting the pay and conditions of school meals staff. Birmingham, Hertfordshire and East Sussex are each party to the national agreement which sets the terms of employment of all local authority manual workers; the agreement is binding in honour.

The three councils have not chosen to withdraw from the national agreement. Instead they have decided to break several sections of the agreement which they find irksome, while hoping to benefit from the procedures and constraints in other sections of the agreement which they find convenient.

There is a word for behaviour of this sort. I hope to see it used in future *Times* editorials.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EDMONDS,
Trade Union Side Secretary,
National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Services,
Thorne House,
Ruxley Ridge,
Claygate,
Esher,
Surrey.
April 25.

Merseyside discontent

From Mr David Mathieson

Sir, In jointly reviewing the major statements of the Bishop of Liverpool and Professor Minford of Liverpool University (leading article, April 21) you dealt rather unfairly with the bishop's contribution.

Bishop David Sheppard does not speak from the isolation of any ivory tower, but is very closely in touch at grassroots level with the human problems of Merseyside. There is no doubt that many thousands of people in many parts of the country will have felt that the bishop has spoken out clearly on their behalf.

It is so important that people who feel disadvantaged or oppressed in some way do also feel that their problems are being articulated and being heard. In the inquests following the serious civil disturbances three years ago it was recognized that deeply rooted feelings of frustration and despair formed a part of the contributory causes of the disturbances.

We must not forget the lessons which we learned from that sad experience and we must not fall into the complacent trap of thinking that it could never possibly happen again. We must be daily alert to any signs and rumblings.

Your leader quite rightly said that the bishop "gives warning that social discontent is a factor that Governments neglect at their peril". The warning is certainly to the Government, but not exclusively so.

All of us must make sure that we are fully aware of the extent of the evil of unemployment in all its facets and of the clear manifestations of poverty in many parts of our country. These problems have got to be felt – in the same deep way that the bishop feels them.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID MATHIESON,
Chief Probation Officer,
Merseyside Probation Service,
Burlington House,
Crosby Road North,
Liverpool.
April 24.

Housing needs of rural elderly

From the Minister for Housing and Construction

Sir, I write to correct some misunderstandings in the letter (April 23) from Mr Robin Thompson, of the National Agricultural Centre Housing Association, and others on proposals in the Housing and Building Control Bill to safeguard the position of elderly persons' dwellings in rural areas under the right to buy.

The additional safeguard approved by the House of Commons on April 12 (local authorities in designated rural areas already have the right to impose 10-year pre-emption covenants on all sales) would enable local authorities in those areas to apply to the Secretary of State to have individual elderly persons' dwellings exempted from the right to buy.

This safeguard would apply not only to the 22 areas described by Mr Thompson, but also to areas covered by the national parks and to all designated areas of outstanding natural beauty. In all, some 170 local authorities in England and Wales would be affected to a greater or lesser extent.

As I made clear in the House on April 12, in considering future applications from local authorities for designation as rural areas, the Secretary of State will take account of any representations on the problems faced by a particular area in meeting the housing needs of the elderly.

The House of Commons also approved on April 12 an additional safeguard which will allow authorities selling elderly persons' dwellings to impose a pre-emption covenant over a period of 21 years not merely when a dwelling is sold but also when it passes on death to a non-resident beneficiary other than a surviving spouse.

I emphasise that sheltered accommodation and housing owned by charitable housing associations (of which the National Agricultural Centre Housing Association is one) will remain excluded from the right to buy.

Yours faithfully,
IAN GOW,
Department of the Environment,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
April 30.

Sharing our heritage

From Mr Fred Uhlman

Sir, In reply to Professor Shaw's letter (April 21), may I point out that I have been collecting African art for over 50 years and have just presented my collection to a British museum?

I know for certain that without the interest of Europeans, some of them artists like Picasso, Braque, Matisse, Epstein, who were deeply influenced by African art – see Picasso's "Les Demoiselles d'Avignon" – thousands of the most precious masks and fetishes would have been destroyed by the climate and the termites, but most of all by the total lack of interest by the Africans themselves, who threw marvellous old pieces away or sold them for the price of a goat or sheep to dealers.

Many of us hoped that with independence the situation would improve, but alas, it has grown worse. Instead of protecting their most sacred objects, some corrupt chieftains are still selling aeroplane loads to dealers, who in turn sell them for huge prices in Paris, London and New York.

Professor Shaw, whose views I share, will probably be shocked by this revelation, but nothing can be done to protect the African heritage so long as the Africans themselves do not act before it is too late.

Yours faithfully,
FRED UHLMAN,
47 Downshire Hill, NW3.
April 24.

Queue for service

From Mr David Harington

Sir, The Post Office is in the middle of a witty advertising campaign touting the bewildering array of services to be had at any post office. The humour is, of course, that one cannot actually buy anything at all, not so much as a stamp, at a post office for the interminable queues to be found there.

Might the Government not insist that the Post Office provides service, at all times within opening hours, so that we do not have to wait more than, say, four minutes to be served? Only when the Post Office is offering its existing services efficiently should it be allowed to offer new ones.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HARINGTON,
40 Leighton Road, NW5.
April 28.

Traveller's joy

From Prebendary John C. de la T. Davies

Sir, Both our swallows returned today. Last year only one returned, and took so long to find a new mate that they only had time to rear a single brood.

They have already inspected the old nest, in the porch directly above the back door of the rectory. We have therefore refilled the puddle in our car park that provides them with building materials, though we do not expect them to start nest building for a few days.

As usual they look rather scruffy after their 6,000-mile flight, so they rest for a while, perching side by side on our electricity supply cable, preening themselves and making occasional short flights to enjoy the beauty and catch the flying insects of the Golden Valley.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN C. DE LA T. DAVIES,
Peterchurch Rectory,
Hereford.
April 26.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 1: His Excellency Mr Jek Yeun Thong and Mrs Jek were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic of Singapore in London.

Lieutenant-General M.C.L. Wilkins had the honour of being received by Her Majesty on his appointment as Commandant General, Royal Marines.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland and Mrs Paddon had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by the Marchioness of Abergavenny, Sir William Heseltine and Major Hugh Lindsay, left Euston Station in the Royal Train this evening for Liverpool.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General, Royal Marines this morning received Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle, Bt on relinquishing his appointment as Commandant General, Royal Marines and Lieutenant-General M.C.L. Wilkins on assuming the appointment.

The Duke of Edinburgh attended the 1984 Design Council Awards Ceremony at the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon.

Having been received by the Director of the Museum (Dr John Tanner) the Chairman of the Design Council (Sir William Barlow) and the Director (Mr Keith Grant), His Royal Highness toured the Design Council exhibition, met members of award winning companies, presented the awards and afterwards was entertained at luncheon.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a dinner given by Lloyd's of London Press Ltd (Chairman, Mr Collwyn Sturge) at Guildhall to mark the 250th Anniversary of *Lloyd's List*.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Dame Mary Donaldson).

Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Wynn, RN was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, this morning received a Land-Rover from British Leyland at Solihull and met the winners of *The Sunday Times* Competition.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon visited the Royal Holloway College, Egham, Surrey (Principal, Dr F. R. Miller).

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by the Vice-Lord Lieutenant for Surrey (Major James More-Molyneux) and the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Professor Randolph Quirk).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Olympic Association, and Captain Mark Phillips, this evening attended the British Sports Ball (Chairman, Mr Eddie Kulukundis) at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, W1.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 1: The Prince of Wales this morning opened the new Archaeology *Gallery of the University* Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Downing Street, Cambridge.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness opened the new Area Office of ICFC in the Cambridge Science Park and visited the associated industrial units.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel David Bromhead, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 1: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, left Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon to visit Morocco.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of 32 Squadron, Royal Air Force, was received upon arrival at the Airport by His Excellency Mr Mohamed-Mehdi Benabdeljalil (Moroccan Ambassador) and Mr Robin Baxendale (Manager, Special Facilities, British Airports Authority).

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The President of the Republic of Ireland is 61 today.

A memorial service for Lord Hodson will be held today at 4.45 in the Temple Church.

A memorial service for Mr C. G. Vaughan-Lee will be held today at noon at St Andrew's, Holborn

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. D. P. Barnes and Miss H. R. Everett
The engagement is announced between Jonathan David Patrick, third son of Mr and Mrs David Barnes, of Cornwall Road, Harrogate, *North Yorkshire, and Helen* Rosalind, younger daughter of the late Henry Everett and Mrs Henry Everett, of Priory Walk, The Boltons, London, SW10.

Mr E. A. Davis and Miss S. M. Hassall
The engagement is announced between Elton Davis, The Royal Corps of Signals, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. F. Davis, of Seaton, Devon, and Susan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Hassall, of Willington, Tarporley, Cheshire.

Mr S. Fogel and Miss T. M. Kornberg
The engagement is announced between Shlomo, younger son of Mr and Mrs Leon Fogel, of Tel Aviv, and Tania Michal, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Justin Kornberg, of Kensington, London.

Mr G. M. Hoskins and Miss W. S. Lowis
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr John Mitchell Hoskins, of Ueberstorf, Switzerland, and Mrs Janet Duncan, *of Hamilton, Ontario, and Wendy* Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Lowis, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr M T Patchett-Joyce and Miss A J Worthing
The engagement is announced between Michael Thurston, only son of Professor and Mrs Keith Patchett, of Cyn Coed, Cardiff, and *Alexandra Jane, only daughter of* Mr and Mrs Nicolas Worthing, of Prinsted, West Sussex.

Mr N. H. Vere Nicoll and Miss C. V. Wentz
The engagement is announced between Neville Henry, youngest son of Lt-Col and Mrs H. M. Vere Nicoll of Manton, Rutland, and Carrie *Virginia*, only daughter of Dr and Mrs W. R. Wentz, of Durham, North Carolina.

The Rev. A. C. St. J. Walker and Miss C. J. Cummings
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs R. Walker, of Luxembourg, and Carol, Daughter of Mr and Mrs B. *Cummings, of Baildon.*

Mr S. W. P. Weldon and Miss C. H. V. Loch
The engagement is announced between Steuart, elder son of the late Major A. R. Weldon and of Mrs A. R. Weldon, of Irthington, Cumbria, and Carola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Loch, of Aldbourne, Wiltshire.

Marriages

Mr P. C. Fox and Miss S. Mackworth-Praed
The marriage took place on April 14, *1984, at Epsom between* Mr Patrick Charles Fox and Miss Shiela Mackworth-Praed, and was followed by a service of blessing at St Mary's Church, Headley.

Mr N. G. Morris and Mrs M. C. Berkeley-Owen
The marriage took place quietly in London yesterday of Mr Nigel G. Morris and Mrs M. C. Berkeley-Owen (née Mullally), of 118 Cranmer Court, London, SW3.

Mr A. H. Payne and Miss Y. F. Marrow
The marriage took place at Fulham on Saturday, April 28, between Mr Alan Hele Payne and Miss Yvonne Farida Marrow.

Mr M. F. Rivett-Carnac and Miss R. G. Mearns Jones
The marriage took place in Andover, Hampshire on April 13 of Mr Michael Francis Rivett-Carnac, of The Chilterns, Woodgreen, *Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and* Miss Roberta G. Mearns Jones, of 41 The Avenue, Andover.

Memorial service

Mr R. W. Sturge
A memorial service for Mr Raymond Wilson Sturge was held at St Michael's, Cornhill, yesterday. The Rev John Scott officiated. Mr A. C. L. Sturge, son, read the lesson and Mr J. W. Kininmonth, grandson, read an extract from the works of Knatchbull Hugessen. Sir Francis Sandilands gave an address.

Among others present were:
Mrs Sturge (widow), Mr and Mrs P W Kininmonth, the Hon J D and Mrs Eccles and Brigadier and Mrs J W F Rucker (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs J W Kininmonth, Mr C A Kininmonth, Mr and Mrs M C Kelway-Bamber, Mr P D H Kininmonth, Mrs R Ward, Mr W D Eccles, Miss E F Eccles and Miss S C Rucker (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Collwyn Sturge (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs C C Lloyd, Lady Sandilands, Mr B A J Sturge, Mr William Sturge, Mr Tony Howard, Mr Joseph Sturge, Miss P Keep, Miss Malda Sturge, Mrs Ronald Lewin, Major Robin Lewin, Mr Christopher Spicer.

Polly Marchioness of Lansdowne, Lord Ebbisham, the Hon Mrs Simon Eccles, Admiral Sir William O'Brien (chairman, King George's Fund for Sailors), Sir Walter Barrie, Lady Pulbrook, Mr Peter Miller (chairman, Lloyd's) with Mr Murray Lawrence (deputy chairman) and members of the Committee of Lloyd's, Mr D Beck (Lloyd's Patriotic Fund), Mr Peter Corbin (Lloyd's Log), Mr K R Stephens (chairman, Lloyd's Choir), Mr C W Welch (Lloyd's of London Press), Mr David Coleridge (chairman, Sturge Holdings) and Mrs Coleridge, the Rev L M Styler (Brasenose College Oxford), Canon and Mrs Ronald Brownrigg, Mr and Mrs R A Brownrigg, Mrs P Briance, Mrs Patrick Brooking.

Mrs S Barnett (Victoria League), Mr K C L Webb, Mr M P Henderson, Mr Julian Spicer, Professor Adrian Gale, Mr John Webb, Mr John Henderson, Mr Barry Faulks (chairman, Three Rooms Club), Captain R C Todhunter, Mr Henry Lumley, Mr Andrew Gale, Mr Michael Halford, Mr Nicholas Jarrell, Mr John *Ewington* (Bletchingley Parochial Church Council), Mr Simon Ingall, Lieutenant-Colonel R W C Charlton (deputy chairman, Royal Humane Society), Captain Derek O'Reilly (National Trust), Mr L N Marden (president Insurance Institute of London), Mr A Tyser.

Lieutenant-Colonel G W A Tufton, Mr and Mrs J Walcyn-Lewis, Mr Paul Merritt (City of London Club) with Mr and Mrs N Castleton-Elliott, Mr and Mrs Richard Lumley, Mr Anthony McNelle (Wm Green Management Committee), Mr Terence W Higgins (chairman, Langton Underwriting Agents), Mr Robin Warrender, Mr Derek Blaise, Mr Ian D McNeil, Mr Peter Foden-Pattinson, Mr C L McFarlane, Mr I H F Findlay, Mr R A J Porter, Mr Maurice Allom, Mr Paul Dixey, Mr Richard Gardner, Mr L E Drage, Mr D R Kirsch, Mr W G Law, Mr M J L Harewood.

Latest appointments

Peter Thomas, QC, MP, to be National President of Conservative Friends of Israel, in succession to the late Sir Hugh Fraser.

Lieutenant-Colonel StJ. C. Brooke Johnson to succeed Sir Anthony Jolliffe as Chairman of The Drake Fellowship.

Mr Stephen O'Brien, chief executive of business in the Community, to be a member of the administrative council of the Royal Jubilee Trusts from June 1.

Mr *David Tinsley*, *Birmingham's* education officer for further education to be head of the Open Tech Unit, Manpower Services Commission.

Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, 66; Sir Hugh Cortazzi, *60; Brigadier F. C. Curtis, 86:* Instructor Rear-Admiral Sir John Fleming, 80; Mr Alastair Forbes, 66; Mr Peter Foster, 65; Sir Campbell Fraser, 61, Brigadier E. L. G. Griffith-Williams, 90; Mr Henry Hall, 86; Sir James Hamilton, 61; Colonel Sir Denys Hicks, 76; Professor R. W. K. Honeycombe, 63; Mr Clive Jenkins, 58; Mr Malcolm Lipkin, 52; Admiral Sir Geoffrey Miles, 94; the Duke of Montrose, 77; Mr John Neville, 59; Air Marshal Sir Ian Pedder, 58; Mr Satyajit Ray, 63; Sir Ronald Sinclair, 81; Dame Nancy Snagge, 78; Dr Benjamin Spock, 81; Mr Justice Woolf, 51.

Builders Merchants' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Builders Merchants' Company to serve from October 23: Master: Mr M. H. Vinden; Senior Warden: Mr J. S. Faulder; Junior Warden: Mr D. B. Wilson; Keeper of the Roll: Mr R. E. Silvester.

Battisborough School, Devon

Summer Term began on Monday, April 30. Steven Samwel continues as the guardian. Open day is on July 4 and term ends on July 6.

Trent College

Trent College opened on April 30 for the Summer Term. Duncam Paul continues as head of school and Hugh White is captain of cricket. The O T reunion is to be on Saturday, May 5 for those who entered Trent between 1944-55. Brigadier K. J. Davey will inspect the CCF on Friday, May 24. The Summer ball is to be on Saturday, July 7 and Old Tridents' day on Sunday, July 8. The guest of honour at speech day on Friday, July 13, will be Sir Kenneth Corfield, Chairman of Standard Telephones and Cables plc and Chairman of the Engineering Council.

Wycliffe College

Term started on Monday, April 30. The centenary of Haywardsfield will be celebrated on Friday, May 25, on which day Half term begins. The choral society concert is on Sunday, May 20 (Carmina Burana and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto). O W day is on July 14. Speech day, at which Sir Adrian Cadbury will present the prizes, is on the last full day of term, July 17.

Latest wills

Mrs Kathleen **Dale**, of Addlestone, Surrey, pianist and musicologist, left estate valued at £242,849 net.

*Dr Jane Henderson **Thompson**, of* Kenton, Newcastle upon Tyne, left estate valued at £213,703 net. After various bequests she left the residue to Aberdeen University, "specifically to help in the founding of a professorial chair in the department of mental health".

Dr Bernard Edward **Schlesinger**, of Boxford, Berkshire, formerly senior physician at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, left estate valued at £334,977 net.

Triple success for North

By a Bridge Correspondent

Northern pairs finished in the first three places in the English Women's Bridge Trial at the London International Hotel over the weekend. They have been selected to play for England in the Home Countries international series at the Moat House Hotel, Oxford on June 2 and 3.

Raymond Brocke will be non-playing captain and although there are three new caps in the side, England will start favourites to retain the Lady Milne Cup.

Trial results:
1, Mrs J V Curren, Mrs G E Ray (North east) 404½. 2, Mrs R Goldenfield, Miss M Brunner (North-west) 399. 3, Mrs M Oldroyd, Mrs Penfold (Yorkshire) 363.

Horticulture

Cacti collect a gold

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

The only gold medal awarded at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show at Westminster went to a collection of cacti shown by H. R. Jeffs and G. Southon, of Nutfield Nurseries, South Nutfield.

These are all of the genus *Mammillaria*, large, superbly grown plants, many in full flower, and among the most popular of the cacti.

The RHS rhododendron show is also being held this week, and the Lionel de Rothschild challenge cup, for eight species, has been awarded to the Trust for S. F. Christie, of Blackhill, By Elgin, Morayshire.

Other trophy winners were: Anne Countess of Rosse and the National Trust, Nymans Gardens, Hand cross, the McLaren challenge cup for the species *R. macabeanum*; Robert N. Stephenson Clarke, of Borde Hill, Haywards Heath, the Roza Stevenson challenge cup for *R. davidsonianum*; and Edmund L. de Rothschild, of Exbury, the Crosfield challenge cup for six hybrids raised by or in the garden of the exhibitor.

These are the well-known 'Fortune' (yellow), 'Adelaide' (red), 'Yvonne' (pink), 'Queen of Hearts' (crimson), 'Ayesha' (pink) and 'Lionel's Triumph' (yellow).

The Royal National Rose Society's spring competition, of roses grown under glass, is also being held. *The Spring Competition* Challenge Cup, awarded to the most successful exhibitor in classes 2 to 11, was won by Mrs M. R. Stewart, of Buckhurst Hill; and the Kilbee Stuart Cup, awarded to the most sucessful exhibitor in classes 8 to 18, was won by Mrs G. E. Revis, of Isleworth.

Both exhibitors won these *trophies last year. The* best bloom in the competition was "Admiral Rodney", a pink hybrid tea shown by R. L. Dillon, of Virginia Water.

In the Daffodil Society's late competition, the W. A. Noton challenge trophy was awarded to L. T. Allen, for six cultivars, and the most successful exhibitor was J. Gilbert, of Hagley, who gained a bronze medal.

The best bloom in the show was "Gay Kibo", a double white and orange cultivar, shown by Peter Fenn, of Farnham. Class 2 was the Southern Championship Final Leg, and this was won by N. Golding for six cultivars.

The British Iris Society is holding its late spring show and the Osborn trophy went to A. J. Farringdon, for the deep purple cultivar "Merseyside". The Wren Cup was awarded *to Mrs J. M. Price*, and the Julia Jay Bowl was won by G. E. Cassidy.

The Donald Patton trophy was warded to A. R. J. Bailes, for the best species, this being *Iris lortetii*, pale lilac with purple-speckled falls.

The following plants received awards of merit from the committees:

Miltonia Robert Strauss 'Ardingly', exhibited by Mr D Strauss, of Ardingly, large white flowers, splashed orange and pink in the centre; Euphorbia palustris, for border or waterside, exhibited by the Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, bright yellow-green bracts; Piptanthus forrestii, hardy flowering shrub from China, shown by the Superintendent, University Botanic Garden, Oxford, deep yellow pea flowers.

Echeveria 'Worfield Wonder', for cool greenhouse, exhibited by H R Jeffs, of South Nutfield, rosettes of grey leaves, brilliant orange and yellow tubular flowers; Camellia x williamsii 'Yesterday', raised and exhibited by Miss G Carlyon, of Par, Cornwall, double flowers, cyclamen pink; Cattleya J A Carbone 'Mont Millais', exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Mont Millais, large lilac flowers with purple and gold lip.

Saxifraga pubescens subspecies iratiana also received an award of merit. This is an alpine for the rock garden or alpine house, from the Pyrenees, exhibited by W E Th Ingwersen Ltd, of Gravetye, East Grinstead, and forms neat hummocks of mid-green foliage studded with white flowers.

The show is open today from 10am to 5pm.

A medallion has been struck to commemorate the official opening of the Thames flood barrier at Woolwich by the Queen next Tuesday. Both sides are shown (with a 20p coin for size comparison) superimposed on a picture of the barrier (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Meetings

English-Speaking Union
Mr Qutubuddin Aziz, Minister of Information at the Embassy of Pakistan, spoke on "Pakistan Today" at a meeting of the English-Speaking Union Current Affairs Forum held at Dartmouth House last night. Mr David Griffiths, ESU Director of Current Affairs, was in the chair.

Society of Antiquaries of London
The anniversary meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of London was held at Burlington House on Friday, April 27, when Professor J. D. Evans was elected president.

Luncheon

HM Government
Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon in honour of the High Commissioner for Singapore held at 1 Carlton Gardens.

Dinner

Grain and Feed Trade Association
The annual dinner of the Grain and Feed Trade Association was held at Grosvenor House Hotel on April 26. The principal guest was Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The other speakers were the president, Mr R. E. R. Tyrrell, the deputy president, Mr D. Nelson-Smith, and *Herr Josef Ertl, Member* of the German Federal Parliament.

Service dinner

Essex Yeomanry
Major-General T. A. Richardson presided at the annual dinner of the Essex Yeomanry Dinner Club held at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night. Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, was guest of honour.

Dartmouth entrants

The following candidates have entered Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth:

Direct Graduate Entry
Lieutenant (short career commission) instructor officer: A D Boorer, Polytechnic of the South Bank London. A Buckley, Salford Univ. G D Chapman, Essex Univ. S R Coussens, London Univ. N Hicking, London Univ. N P Moss Hatfield Poly. B J Newton, Hatfield Poly. J A J Pringle, Leicester Univ. S J Sluda Bath Univ.
Acting Sub Lieutenant (full career commission) seaman officer: N L Birch, Lanchester Poly. M Doolan, E Anglia Univ. S J McMichael-Phillips, Edinburgh Univ.
Acting sub lieutenant (full career commission) supply and secretariat *officer:* R Luckham, London School of Economics.
Acting Sub Lieutenant (short career commission) seaman officer: C I Davies, Surrey Univ. M C Jones, Aberdeen Univ. D R W Muir, Brighton Poly.
Acting Sub Lieutenant (short career commission) engineer officer: S M Grantham, Queen Mary's Coll London.
Acting sub lieutenant (short career commission) supply and secretarial officer: J C Hammond, Oxford Univ.
Acting sub lieutenant (short career commission) seaman officer (hydrographer): N L J Boughton, Leeds Univ. P J Carroll, Newcastle Univ.
Naval College Entry
Midshipman (full career commission) seaman officer: G D Jones, Croydon Coll. K A McCulloch, Crewe and Alsager Coll of HE. J P Penitreath, Haileybury Coll. K W Seymour, Reading S. C A Tombs, Liverpool Univ.
Midshipman (full career commission) engineer officer: S J Cater RN, Upper Yardman. S R Clark, Haydon S, Middx. C A Coull, Dollar Acad. K E Finney RN, Upper Yardman. C Hollis RN, Upper Yardman. D M Ledger RN, Upper Yardman. D S McAulay RN, Upper Yardman. S J Parsonage, Poly of South Bank. T W S Wilson, Abingdon S.
Midshipman (full career commission) supply and secretarial officer: R E Blackwell, Royal Hospital S, Suffolk. N J Towner, Portsmouth GS. C L Wintle, Plymouth Poly.
Midshipman (medium career commission) engineer officer: F Collins, Norton Knatchbull S. A H Porter RN, Upper Yardman. R E Rayner RN, Upper Yardman.
Midshipman (short career commission) seaman officer: S M Backhouse RN, Upper Yardman. S Bankier, Coltness HS. J S Garner, Bournemouth S. J G James RN, Upper Yardman. S J Kenny, Cardinal Hinsley GS. J Law, Aston Coll, Wrexham. M *Lister* RN, Upper Yardman. A J O'Donnell, Rothesay Acad. N G Rhind, Berwickshire HS. M P Sampson, King Edward VI, Louth. J S Toothhill, Dulwich Coll.
Midshipman (short career commission) supply and secretarial officer: N S Castle, Chace Sec S, Enfield. M M Haldane, Kirkaldy Coll of Tech. N A Matheson, Norwich S. S W L Williams RN, Upper Yardman.
Flying Duties
Acting sub lieutenant (short career commission) pilot: M R Clifford, Salford Univ. M K Fulford, Plymouth Poly. N P *Richards, Poly of Wales.*
Midshipman (medium career commission) pilot: P D Norman, Brixton Tech.
Midshipman (short career commission) pilot: J C Barnbrook, Leasowes HS, W Midlands. R D Bell, Wellington S, Merseyside. J T Bones, Leicester Poly. M B Coupland, Dover Coll. C H Hardinge, Felsted S. P J Hickson, Eastleigh Coll of FE. N P James, Reigate GS. J Park, King Edward VII S, Lancashire. D A Pestell, Monkwearmouth Coll of FE. C Reece, Richmond upon Thames Coll. A C Skinner, Bungay HS, Suffolk.
Acting sub lieutenant (medium career commission) observer: P G Eaton, Univ Coll Swansea.
Acting sub lieutenant (short career commission) observer: I J R Daniels, Southampton Univ. P M Jefferson, Bradford Univ. N A Marotta, Lancaster Univ.
Midshipman (medium career commission) observer: P J Crookes RN, Upper Yardman. R I Hamilton, Solihull S, W Midlands. M D Thorsby, Warblington CSS Comp. S F Vallance RN, Upper Yardman.
Midshipman (short career commission) observer: J C Bazley, Lanchester Poly. N T Bowen, Portsmouth Poly. W E Davison, S Shields Marine & Techn Coll. J C Robb RN, Upper Yardman. W J Sheridan, Worcester Tech Coll.
Bursary Awards from May:
Seaman officer: S J Hird, Plymouth Poly.
Engineer officer: R W Bonsall, Nottingham Univ.
Supply and secretarial officer: A D McConochie, Bath Univ.

Film premiere

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent will attend the world premiere of Mr *Peter Ustinov's film Memed, My Hawk*, in aid of the United Nations Children's Fund, on May 14 1984, at the ABC Cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue. After the premiere there will be a party at Maxim's de Paris.

Further details are available from Mrs Sydney Ripley, Gala Chairman, Unicef, 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3NB (01-405 5592).

Church news

Appointments
The Rev I J Bailey, Religious Adviser to Anglia Television, Bishop's Chaplain for Broadcasting, and Priest-in-charge, Kirby Bedon and Bixley, diocese of Norwich, to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev G F Bridger, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Norwich, and Rural Dean of Norwich south, and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop, diocese of Norwich to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev J H Channer, Assistant Curate of North Stoneham, diocese of Winchester, to be Vicar of St Augustin, Bournemouth, same diocese.
The Rev P Corrie, Vicar of St *Werburgh's, Derby, diocese of Derby*, to be also Priest-in-charge of St Alkmund's, Derby, same diocese.
The Rev R Crouch, Vicar of Winkfield with Chavey Down and Priest-in-charge of Cranbourne, diocese of Oxford, to be Assistant Curate of Thame, same diocese.
The Rev J W Edmonds, formerly Rector of Dickleburgh All Saints with Thelveton with Frenze with Shimpling and Rushall, and at present Rural Dean of the Redenhall Deanery, diocese of Norwich, to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev E A Essery, Vicar of St Mary, Shinfield, diocese of Oxford, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Reading, same diocese.
The Rev R A Horsfield, Vicar of St Mary, Cleobury Mortimer, and St Michael and All Angels, Hopton Wafers, and Priest-in-charge of St John Baptist, Doddington, and All Saints, Neen Sollars, and St George, Milson, diocese of Hereford, to be also Priest-in-charge of St Paul, Knowbury and St Peter, Coreley, same diocese.
The Rev M Kirby, Chaplain of Wrekin College, Shropshire, to be Vicar of Frensham, diocese of Guildford.
The Rev J Leeming, RAF Chaplain, to be Hospital Chaplain of Salisbury Health District, diocese of Salisbury.
The Rev J G Miller, Assistant Curate of Addiscombe, diocese of Canterbury, to be Vicar of Melbury Team Ministry, diocese of Salisbury.
The Rev W H McLaren, Vicar of Hedon with Paull, diocese of York, to be also Rural Dean of South Holderness, same diocese (for a period of five years).
The Rev C Mynett, Vicar of St John Cinderford with Soudley, diocese of Gloucester, to be Priest-in-charge of All Saints, Cheltenham, same diocese.

University news

Oxford
Election
Newton-Abraham visiting professorship in medical biology and chemical sciences: S. Jonathan Singer, professor of biology at the University of California, San Diego, academic year 1984-85.

St Peter's College. Sir Gordon White has endowed the official fellowship in English literature. The fellowship, at present held by Mr Francis Warner, will be known as the Sir Gordon White Fellowship.
The George Herbert Hunt travelling scholarship, 1984 has been awarded to G J E M Bates, BM, BCh, Merton College.

Schoolmistress studentship, Trinity term 1985: Mrs S L F Griffiths, Harefield High School, Wilmslow.

Corpus Christi College. J M Wallace-Hadrill, DLitt, scholar of the college, 1936-8, fellow of Merton College, 1947-55, and senior research fellow, 1961-74, professor of medieval history, Manchester University 1955-61, Chichele professor of modern history 1974-83, has been elected to an honorary fellowship.

Cambridge
Elections
Peterhouse: Into an honorary fellowship: Professor F W Walbank.
Jesus College: Into a fellowship in Class III to September 30, 1988: A G Sharpe, ScD, PhD, MA, emeritus fellow of the college.
Fellowship in Class II (April 25-September 1988: R D Bowers, PhD, MA, director of music at the college.
Darwin College: Into an honorary fellowship: Sir Henry Fisher, MA (Hon LLD).
Clare Hall: Research fellowships from October 1 to September 30 1987: Dr G Graham White (theology); Dr Ruth Morse (English); Dr Farzana Shaikh (social and political sciences).
Queens' College: To an honorary fellowship from April 24, Sir Stephen Brown.

London
Institute of Commonwealth Studies
The title of professor of Commonwealth history has been conferred on the director of the institute, Dr Shula Marks.

Queen's, Belfast
Dr Peter Froggatt, the vice-chancellor is to retire from office on September 30, 1986 when he will have held the post for 10 years.
Appointment:
Lecturer: J. R. Gardner, MSc, PhD (Belf) (Education).

Southampton
Professor Stewart Robertson is to succeed Professor Henry Chanock as Deputy Vice-Chancellor. Professor Robertson's term of office runs from Ocober 1 to September 30, 1988.

Professor Ken Hilton, professor of financial control in the department of accounting and management science, continues as Deputy *Vice-Chancellor until September 30,* 1986.

Dr. Christopher Brumfit, reader in education at the University of London Institue of Education, has been appointed professor of education from October I.

Professor Alan Bance, professor of German, Keele University, has been appointed professor of German at Southampton from October

Exeter
J. C. Inkson, BSc (Manc)., MA PhD (Cantab).. university lecturer in physics, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge University, has been appointed to the chair of theoretical physics, in succession to Professor G. N. Fowler, from July 1, 1985.

Strathclyde
Commission of the European Communities: £71,446 to Professor Kevin Allen, Mr Douglas Yuill and Dr Stephen Taag for work on a "Locate in Europe" information retrieval system

Salford
Dr Valerie Karn, who took up a chair in environmental health and housing in the department of civil engineering on May 1, is the first woman to be appointed professor in *Salford's faculty of engineering. She* was previously senior lecturer in the centre for urban and regional studies at Birmingham University.

Heriot-Watt
Lord Ross, senator of the College of Justice and Lord of Session, has been appointed chairman of the university court from August 1 for three years, in succession to Sir Douglas Haddow.

The title of professorial fellow has been confered upon Professor Alan Peacock, Vice-Chancellor and professor of economics, Buckingham University, from January 1, 1985, to June 30, 1987.

The title of honorary lecturer has been conferred on Dr Basil Hatim, who since 1980 has been on secondment *in the department of* languages from Specialist Language Services, York.

Judge retires

Judge Pennant retired from the Circuit Bench on the Western Circuit on April 30.

Science report

When babies measure up to casual smokers

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Babies whose parents or other relatives smoke cigarettes can absorb tobacco smoke to such an extent that their bodies show traces similar to those of some very light smokers, according to a new study.

The concentration of nicotine and its main metabolite, cotinine, were measured in the saliva and urine of 32 babies with household exposure to tobacco smoke, and 19 unexposed babies. The concentrations were significantly higher in the exposed group.

Concern is increasingly expressed about the effects of smoking on "passive" smokers, those who are exposed to the habit without indulging in it. Previous studies have found direct links between parental smoking and illness of the lower respiratory tract and irritations of the inner ear in young children.

The new study, at the department of paediatrics at North Carolina University, tried to determine the usefulness of measuring salivary and urinary concentrations of nicotine and cotinine as indicators of the exposure of infants to "sidestream" smoke.

All the children in the study were under 10 months old; breast-fed infants whose mothers smoked were excluded because of the documented presence of nicotine in breast milk.

In both urine and saliva, the concentrations were significantly higher in the exposed group. Although levels of nicotine and cotinine in saliva were low in a minority of cases, urine samples of all the exposed babies contained cotinine.

Some of the concentrations were within the range found in some very light smokers. An earlier study had found that the amount of smoke absorbed by non-smokers could reach concentrations similar to those of smoking up to three cigarettes in the preceding three to four hours.

"Comparing the ranges of nicotine and cotinine in our exposed infants with those found in studies of active smokers, we have reached similar conclusions," the authors of the latest study say.

The results suggest that urinary cotinine excretion may be the most useful indicator of chronic exposure to tobacco smoke in infants and young children. However, the authors add, its sensitivity, specificity and range of predictive values need to be established in subjects representing the full spectrum of exposures found in the general population.

Source: *New England Journal of Medicine*, April 26, 1984.

OBITUARY

LORD ADEANE
Former Private Secretary to the Queen

The Right Hon Lord Adeane, GCB, GCVO, who died on April 30 at the age of 73, was Private Secretary to the Queen and Keeper of Her Majesty's Archives from 1953 to 1972. He took over the position soon after the Queen's accession, and was a considerable influence in the first two decades of her reign.

Michael Edward Adeane was born on September *10, 1910*, the son of Captain Henry Adeane of the Coldstream Guards (killed in action in 1914 at the First Battle of Ypres) and of the Hon Victoria Eugénie Bigge, daughter of Lord Stamfordham, who was himself a highly regarded Private Sec*retary to Queen Victoria and* George V. Adeane was educated at Eton and at Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he took First Class Honours in the Historical Tripos, Part II.

In 1931 he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in his father's old regiment and three years *later* became *ADC* to Lord Tweedsmuir, then Governor-General of Canada.

On Adeane's return to England King George VI appointed him an Assistant Private Secretary on the recommendation of Lord Wigram, but on the outbreak of war he returned to active service with the Coldstream Guards, serving first with the 2nd Battalion in North Africa – where in one engagement, owing to casualties, he found himself commanding his battalion – until 1942 when he was seconded to the British Staff Mission in Washington for a year.

He then joined the 5th Battalion, with whom he fought with distinction through the North Western Europe campaign, in the course of which he was both wounded and mentioned in despatches.

At the conclusion of hostilities in 1945 Adeane returned to Buckingham Palace as Assistant Private Secretary first to King George VI and later to Queen Elizabeth II, and so continued until 1953 when he succeeded Sir Alan Lascelles as Private Secretary to The Queen and Keeper of the Royal Archives.

In this position he took over one of the most important and, necessarily, least conspicuous offices in the functioning of a constitutional monarchy. He had to work in the often *uncharted ground between* Crown and Government, serving as the eyes and ears of the Queen, and able to inform and advise her on issues that might arise. *It was his responsibility to* maintain contact with national leaders of all political complexions and, above all, to make certain that relations between the Queen and Ministers were friendly, whichever the party in power.

At another level, he was the sole *link* between the Queen and Commonwealth Governors-General overseas, and also between her and the Prime Ministers in the Commonwealth countries in which she is recognized as Queen.

Like his grandfather, Lord Stamfordham, before him, Adeane carried out this complex and sensitive task with great ability; many who had known both were struck by the resemblance. There was never any doubt that he enjoyed the confidence of the Queen, to whom his first loyalty went; and at the same time there was no *suggestion that through the* advice he gave her he was unduly influencing her decisions.

He himself was a man of moderate height, with an upright military bearing and a formidable and somewhat authoritarian manner. Diligent and unruffled, he never seemed flustered, puzzled or worried. Yet he was able to see the funny side of things, and at times assumed a light-hearted manner which masked his carefully considered approach to the issues at stake. He was a good judge of ability in others.

To his friends, he was kindness itself, generous in his judgments and a good companion. He was remarkably well read, and a fine shot.

Adeane was sworn of the Privy Council in 1953, became GCVO in 1962 and GCB in 1968. *On his retirement in 1972* he was awarded the Royal Victorian Chain by the Queen and appointed a Life Peer. In later years he was chairman of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments and a member of the British Library Board, as well as a director of the Phoneix Assurance Co, Banque Belge and the Royal Bank of Canada.

He married Helen Chetwynd-Stapylton in 1939. They had a daughter, who died in childhood, and a son, Edward, who *became a barrister and has been Private Secretary to the Prince* of Wales since 1979.

SYLVIA ASHTON-WARNER

Sylvia Ashton-Warner the New Zealand writer and teacher who was equally distinguished as a novelist and as an educationist – though more widely influential in the latter capacity – died on April 28 in Tauranga, New Zealand at the age of 75. Her first novel, *Spinster* (1958) which became a best seller and was later filmed, described her struggles as a *teacher of Maori and white* children, in a remote rural area, a theme which found a different kind of expression in her later, educational books.

Sylvia Ashton-Warner was born on December 17, 1908, and educated at small country schools. She trained to be a teacher in Auckland, married a headmaster, Keith Dawson Henderson, and worked with him for many years teaching mixed classes of Maori and European children in remote back-country infant schools.

This experience soon forced *upon her the conviction that the* Maoris and their European neighbours must learn to live in fruitful symbiosis: her famous Creative Capital Teaching Scheme fully described in her book *Teacher* (1963) was developed with this as its goal.

The scheme itself was for its time controversial seeking to eliminate their racial differences by drawing on the children's unconscious urges and encouraging them to choose the means of expressing themselves.

The New Zealand authorities consistently graded Sylvia Ashton-Warner as a "low-ability teacher". But she was eventually heeded, and her ideas taken up enthusiatically – especially in America. She taught at the Aspen Community School Teaching Centre in Colorado (1971-2) and, later characteristically she wrote a savage *indictment of America's television dominated society in Teacher in America* (1972).

Teacher, her most influential book, is written in an unorthodox, not to say gushing, style and it incorporates a diary section which most readers found difficult to judge, since it was wholly unclear whether it was an accurate record or a pepped up, fictionalized account. But the book possessed such power that it persuaded even conservative educationists that there were lessons to be learnt from it.

Sylvia Ashton-Warner was a naturally controversial person – Rumer Godden exclaimed of her "What a wonderful, rampageous, intolerant, gifted and *compassionate woman, she* must be!" – and her autobiographical but semi-fictionalized *Myself* (1967) telling with great candour of her apparently platonic romance with a young doctor in the war years, and of her difficulties in reconciling the roles of "mother, wife, lover, teacher, violent artist", was attacked by reviewers for what they felt was its boastful smugness. But retrospectively it is an exceptionally interesting self-portrait.

Meanwhile she had already established a reputation as a *novelist, with the extraordinary Spinster*, published after she had reached 50, and now certainly a classic. This "educational thriller" in a fractured stream-of-consciousness style perfect to its subject – one year in the life of a neurotic, frustrated, profoundly gifted teacher – was widely acknowledged as an imaginative masterpiece. It was a book which in the very irritating nature of its self-absorbed vitality appealed to the spirit of life.

Sylvia Ashton-Warner's four later books of fiction did not reach *this level, but contained* passages of high quality. Everything she did evinced what her critics described as "her passionate human concern".

Her vision of a unified "new race", in which Western nationality would exist side by side with Maori mysticism, may have been in some ways a trifle intellectually naive; but of its sincerity and value no one has ever had any doubt. The value of her dedicated work as a teacher – it was never denied that her methods worked marvellously when employed by her – is now beyond question.

MARCUS DODS

Marcus Dods, the conductor, died on April 30. He was 66.

Dods had a distinguished career in films and the theatre as well as on radio and television. From *1966-69* he was principal conductor of the BBC Concert Orchestra and since 1972 had been musical director of the London Concert Orchestra.

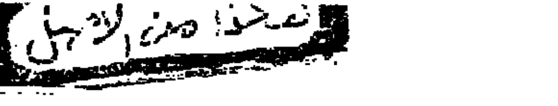
After studying at the Royal Academy of Music he joined the Rank Organization as *assistant to Muir Mathieson*, working on film music. In 1951 he joined Sadlers Wells Opera as chorus master and conductor and during the next six years conducted over 300 performances.

He left to freelance although still appearing as guest conductor; for four years he was assistant conductor on Music For You on BBC television. He also worked on a number of West End musicals including *Oliver! Blitz, Pickwick Maggie May, Funny Girl* and most recently, *The Good Companions.*

On television he was musical adviser for *The Forsyte Saga* and in later years conducted film series like *Nicholas and Alexandra* and *Lady Caroline Lamb.*

He leaves a widow and three children.

He Zizhen, Mao Tse-tung's second wife, died in Shanghai last week at the age of 75. She had married Mao after the execution of his first wife Yang Kaihui, by the Kuomintang Government in 1930 and accompanied him on the "Long March". He divorced her in 1938 to marry Jiang Qing his wife until his death in 1976.



FT - ACTUARIES INDICES	
INDUSTRIAL GROUP	533.32 (531.83)
500 SHARE INDEX	583.77 (583.43)
*EARNINGS YIELD	9.85% (9.85%)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.14% (4.16%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	12.62 (12.62)
ALL SHARE INDEX	534.74 (534.84)
DIVIDEND YIELD	4.33% (4.36%)

* estimated (previous close)

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Blue chips cautious

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 30. Dealings End, May 11. § Contango Day, May 14. Settlement Day, May 21

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

FT STOCK INDICES	
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	81.85 (81.80)
FIXED INTEREST	85.83 (85.80)
INDUSTRIAL ORDINARY	915.8 (910.1)
GOLD MINES	672.8 (676.6)
ORDINARY DIVIDEND YIELD	4.24% (4.25%)
EARNINGS YIELD	9.79% (9.82%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	12.33 (9.82)
P.E. RATIO (NIL)	11.75 (12.29)

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS

MEDIUMS

LONGS

[illegible]

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

[illegible]

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

[illegible]

DOLLAR STOCKS

[illegible]

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

[illegible]

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

[illegible]

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

C—E

F—H

I—N

O—S

T—Z

[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

[illegible]

INSURANCE

[illegible]

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

[illegible]

SHIPPING

[illegible]

MINES

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OIL

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PROPERTY

[illegible]

PLANTATIONS

[illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS

[illegible]

UNLISTED SECURITIES

[illegible]

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 8½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 8⅞ Low 8

Week Fixed: 8½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	8[illegible]	2 months	8[illegible]
3 months	8[illegible]	3 months	8[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	8[illegible]	1 month	9[illegible]
2 months	8[illegible]	2 months	9[illegible]
3 months	8[illegible]	3 months	9[illegible]
6 months	8[illegible]	6 months	9[illegible]

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9½-9	7 months	9[illegible]
2 months	9[illegible]	8 months	9[illegible]
3 months	9[illegible]	9 months	9[illegible]
4 months	9[illegible]	10 months	9[illegible]
5 months	9[illegible]	11 months	9[illegible]
6 months	9[illegible]	12 months	9[illegible]

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	8[illegible]	6 months	9[illegible]
3 months	8[illegible]	12 months	9[illegible]

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	8½	3 months	9
7 days	8[illegible]	6 months	9[illegible]
1 month	8[illegible]	1 year	9[illegible]

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 8[illegible] Close 9

1 week	8[illegible]	6 months	9[illegible]
1 month	8[illegible]	9 months	9[illegible]
3 months	9-8[illegible]	12 months	9[illegible]

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months 9 — 6 months 9¼

Finance House Base Rate 9%

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

	Market rates (day's range) May 1	Market rates (close) May 1	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.3915-1.3990	$1.3975-1.3985	0.26-0.29c disc	0.77-0.81c disc
Montreal	$1.7940-1.8050	$1.8035-1.8041	0.24-0.33c disc	0.83-0.93c disc
Amsterdam	4.28-4.31fl	4.29½-4.30½fl	1.17-0.92c prem	3.25-2.92c prem
Brussels	77.40-77.85f	77.70-77.80f	20-29c disc	53-65c disc
Copenhagen	13.94-13.99k	13.96½-13.98½k	210-213ore disc	545-667ore disc
Dublin	1.2407-1.2453p	1.2415-1.2425p	37-45p disc	101-114p disc
Frankfurt	3.80-3.82m	3.81-3.82m	1.06-0.92pf prem	3.04-2.88pf prem
Lisbon	191.50-193.00e	191.75-192.75e	119-319c disc	415-955c disc
Madrid	213.00-214.00p	213.50-213.75p	115-135c disc	425-455c disc
Milan	2345-2357lr	2355-2357lr	11.6-13.7lr disc	37.8-40.1lr disc
Oslo	10.80-10.85k	10.83-10.85k	424-519ore disc	1171-1276ore disc
Paris	11.67-11.71f	11.69-11.70f	3.22-4.18c disc	10.23-11.50c disc
Stockholm	11.14½-11.20½k	11.18-11.20k	152-248ore disc	517-621ore disc
Tokyo	316-318y	316¾-317¾y	0.77-0.65y prem	2.24-2.09y prem
Vienna	26.55-26.85sch	26.80-26.85sch	5-3gro prem	16-8gro prem
Zurich	3.13-3.15f	3.13½-3.14½f	1.53-1.31c prem	4.05-3.82c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975 was up 0.1 at 79.8.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

* Ireland	1.1219-1.1226
+ Canada	1.2886-1.2889
Netherlands	3.0775-3.0785
Belgium	55.60-55.65
Denmark	10.0000-10.0100
West Germany	2.7285-2.7295
Portugal	137-138
Spain	152.65-152.85
Italy	1686-1688
Norway	7.7500-7.7600
France	8.3700-8.3800
Sweden	8.0025-8.0125
Japan	226.95-227.05
Austria	19.17-19.19
Switzerland	2.2450-2.2460

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
+ Canada $1: US$0.7760-0.7763

OTHER MARKETS

Australia	1.5040-1.5190
Bahrein	0.5230-0.5370
Finland	8.0385-8.0785
Greece	148.40-150.40
Hongkong	10.8610-10.9115
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4085-0.4125
Malaysia	3.1765-3.2065
Mexico	250-275
New Zealand	2.1175-2.1375
Saudi Arabia	4.8830-4.9230
Singapore	2.8955-2.9255
South Africa	1.7420-1.7570

GOLD

Gold fixed: am. $376.40 (an ounce); pm. $376.50 close. $377.25-377.75 (£270-270.50).

Krugerrand* (per coin): $388.50-390.00 (£278-279).

Sovereigns* (new): $88.50-89.50 (£63.75-64.00).

* Excludes VAT

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 9¾-10⅛; seven days, 10½-10¾; one month, 10⅝-10¾; three months, 11-11¼; six months, 11[illegible]-11[illegible].

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

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LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES

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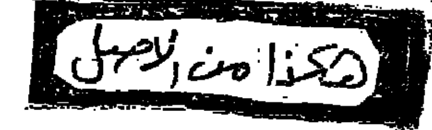
MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

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RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Body Shop International 5p Ord (95a)	185
Burmatex 10p Ord (135)	184
CPS Computer 20p Ord (67a)	158
Chart J Roths Pac Inv 25p Ord	103
Cambium Venture 5p Ord	20½
Commercial Bank of Wales £1 Ord	115
Denman's Electrical 25p Ord (162a)	175
First Leisure Corp £1 Ord (180)	204
Fledgeling Japan Inv $0.01 (55)	20-1
Formdesign 20p Ord (114a)	135
Havelock Europa 10p Ord (75a)	88
Horne Robert Group 20p Ord	117
Do "A" NV (At 156 per unit a)	109
Meadow Farm 10p Ord (130a)	137
Nth Sea & Gen Oil £1 Ord (125a)	111
Our Price 20p Ord (215)	237
Pantherella 25p Ord (80pa)	102+2
Petranol 10p Ord (215)	415+37
Plantation & Gen Inv 25p Ord	278
Platon Int 25p Ord (120a)	140
Powerline Int 5p Ord (160a)	238
Ramco Oil Services 10p Ord (70a)	108
Scantronic Hldgs 2½p Ord (78a)	125
Systems Reliability 10p Ord (210)	470
Tod W & J 5p Ord (143a)	175

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.



THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

NatWest counts the cost of Lawson's bank tax

National Westminster's chairman, Lord Boardman, mixed metaphors but not words at the bank's annual meeting yesterday when he strongly criticized the Government's Budget measures affecting the banks. The former Conservative minister said the clawback of deferred tax resulting from the changes in capital allowances and the decision to force the banks to become tax-collectors by moving to a composite rate system were "most unfortunate". They had already led to Barclays and National Westminster losing their American triple A debt ratings. Lord Boardman went on:

"There are not so many 'golden eggs' in the British economy that we can afford to 'clip the wings' of those that provide many of them. It is not contrary to the philosophy of the Government to penalize those sectors that have, as we have in this bank, succeeded so well against fierce international competition?"

Whether the Treasury foresaw the full implications of what it was doing to the banks, we shall probably never know. It was certainly aware that there would be a large extra tax liability as deferred tax, not previously provided for, became payable at some point. In National Westminster's case the extra provision needed is £570m.

However Lord Boardman revealed yesterday that National Westminster will probably have to take a further £80m dent in its capital because of the impact of tax variation clauses in leasing contracts. These clauses mean that rentals on some contracts will fall with the reduction in tax rates. Leasing contracts would become less valuable and because a large proportion of the profit on them is often taken in the early years, the banks now find that they have already taken too much profit on certain contracts.

Although the problem over tax variation clauses is rather different from the deferred tax clawback, National Westminster plans to deal with them both in the same way by meeting the extra provisions from accumulated retained profits, so as to avoid distorting the profit and loss account or affecting earnings.

Lord Boardman was equally critical of the Government's decision to impose the composite rate on the banks, a form of taxation which he described as "regressive" and unfair to non-taxpayers. He revealed that the banks were trying to persuade the Inland Revenue to agree not to apply the system to smaller balances.

The British Bankers' Association has also been lobbying MPs to back a number of amendments to the Finance Bill on composite rate tax and capital allowances in the probably vain hope that the Government can be persuaded to soften a little. The relevant clauses are being discussed in the House of Commons this week.

Looking both ways on interest rates

The problem with watching a myriad monetary dials, as the British authorities now do, is how to react when they are pointing in different directions.

The broad money measures, house prices and the exchange rate would all seem to point in the direction of higher interest rates. Sterling M3 rose sharply in March and City analysts expect another set of bad figures for the April banking month – a rise of 1 per cent or more would take sterling M3 well above the top of the official 6 to 10 per cent range in the first two months of the new target period. The broader measure society deposits, is rising more rapidly still.

House prices are now increasing by perhaps 10 to 15 per cent a year, a good deal faster than inflation. And the strengthening dollar, which continues to defy the laws of economic gravity, yesterday pushed the pound close to its record low of $1.3910 seen in January, though it recovered to close in London at $1.3980, little changed on the day. The pound's overall value now stands nearly 4 per cent below the effective rate of about 83 assumed in the Treasury's Budget forecast which predicted 4.5 per cent inflation by the end of the year.

All the signs are that the Treasury is taking a relaxed view, at least until TTuesday's money supply figures! The officials believe the growth of high-powered money, Mo, to be a better guide to interest rate decisions. And Mo, conveniently, has been extremely well behaved in recent months. There is little upward pressure on inflation.

Though money market rates moved up fractionally yesterday, a rise in the banks' base lending rates may still be some way off. But the next move will be up, and if American rates rise and sterling runs into really torrid weather, it may happen sooner rather than later.

Lord King delivers the goods at BA

Lord King duly delivered yesterday what he has always promised in the run-up to the privatization of British Airways – an operating profit in excess of £250m and a balance sheet that now has a modest filling of black ink. If the Government denies Sir Adam Thomson the transfer of routes to British Caledonian he is vigorously and persuasively lobbying for, and there is no another slump in the aviation business this year, BA will indeed be ready for the stock market by the end of this year. Such a prospect was distinctly implausible looking two, let alone three years ago.

BA's figures are all the more creditable given that airline passenger traffic fell by six per cent in revenue/kilometre terms last year, a decline that afflicted all parts of BA's network except northern Europe. Higher fares and a surprisingly good showing by the unfashionable cargo business actually boosted airline revenue by £171m. But at the end of the day it was cost savings that were decisive in turning this eight per cent rise in revenue into a 56 per cent increase in operating surplus, from £174m to £272m.

Most of the benefits of lower oil prices were washed away by the weaker pound, but staff costs were flat, felled by the redundancy axe

On the cash flow side, BA generated an impressive surplus of £435m, £250m of which went on capital spending and the balance on repaying £164m of its huge debt mountain. The omens for making further inroads into the remaining £900m of debt – essential for flotation purposes – are looking quite good. BA's chief executive Colin Marshall is encouraged by the signs of pick-up in traffic this year

Into this equation must be fed the need to pay dividends from next year, and the still measly looking £124m of net worth.

There remains the redoubtable Sir Adam. Having appeared to hint yesterday that he would resign if the Government gave in to any of BCal's demands, Lord King resolutely denied later that this was what he meant. Nobody need doubt however that the Prime Minister has been made all too aware of his total opposition to losing any of his assets. The still open outcome of this now deeply politically entrenched battle will be a potent factor for the stock market, as well as for the future of British civil aviation.

Attack by bankers deepens doubts over future of CSI

By Philip Robinson

Fresh doubts were cast yesterday over whether the Council for the Securities Industry will survive proposed City changes to increase protection for Britain's investors.

The powerful Accepting Houses Committee, an elite of 16 top merchant banks, says the CSI, set up in 1978, has tried to cover too large an area and has failed to achieve enough credibility and practical usefulness.

The attack comes in the AHC's formal response to professor Laurence Gower's *Review of Investor Protection*, a two-year study with recommendations on how the City's rules and structure should be changed to protect the investor from the unscrupulous.

The City has consistently argued that self regulation rather than government control is the ideal way to police the City. But the AHC and others have gone so far as suggesting that, should self regulation not prove possible, a commission responsible to the Department of Trade and Industry and made up of senior City represenlaties and civil servants, would take on the role.

The bankers are careful too make it clear that this should not turn into an American-style Securities and Exchange Commission, but it is the first admission by a leading City group that self regulation may prove imposible.

Its views have deepened sharp split of opinion over the City's future structure which has emerged a various organizations have publicized their submissios to the Gower report.

Broadly, most accept that the best method would be self regulatory groups, organized by function, whose executive bodies would have control over the behaviour of members. This would mean that all those advisers dealing in one particular form of investment industry would go into one group. These groups would ultimately report to the department.

The spilt has developed over whether the CSI should play a coordinating role to help set up the groups and later take a position between them and the department as the City's top policeman.

The Unit Trust Association has already rejected the idea of the CSI being implanted above its own regulatory group. The Association of Investment Trust Companies has now joined the attack, saying the CSI's membership and character would have to be changed if it wereto have a place in the new structure.

The association says: "It does not appear in its present form to command the necessary degree of confidence in the minds of the general public at least. It has been criticized as being too cosy and secretive, ineffective and dominated by the sectional interests of the institutions which are it members."

But Mr David Tucker, managing director of M&G Securities, which is one of the top two unit trust groups on Britain supports the CSI, but attacks the Gower report. He dislikes attempts to bunch life assurancea and unit trusts under the same self regulatory control.

Meanwhile, the new Registry of Life Assurance Commission (Rolac) has welcomed the Gower report proposals on limiting the Commissions paid to intermediaries

The suggestion of a separate self regulatory group is also put forward for itself by the Issuing Houses Association. Its 53 members deal with mew issues business and raises fresh capital for companies.

Its submission suggests that all those involved in corporate finance in merchant banks and members of the Stock Exchange should come under one association which would include the Quotations Department of the Stock Exchange

This, says the association, would establish a comphrehensive corporate finance authority.

M&S profit leaps to record £279.3m

By Ian Griffiths

Lord Sieff, who steps down as chairman of Marks and Spencer in July, unveiled his final set of figures yesterday to reveal record pretax profits of £279.3m, a 22.5 per cent increase in dividends to 6.25p, and a proposal for a one-for-one scrip issue.

He also announced a decision to accept credit cards for the first time in the company's 100 years. The credit cards, called the Marks & Spencer charge card, will be issued on a trial basis to customers shopping in the Scottish stores. The experiment begins next month and if it is a success the scheme will be expanded throughout Britain in 1985.

Marks and Spencer is looking for 1.25 million card holders over a five-year period but the number could go as high as 5 million. It will take about two years for the scheme to make a contribuion to profits but this will depend on the proportion of those who use the card's credit facility and incur interest charges.

Scotland was chosen for the trial because it is a clearly identifiable area. Although the Scots are not prolific credit card users the Scottish outlets are the chain's fastest growing stores. The trial will be operated for the chain by North West Securities, a member of the Bank of Scotland Group.

Marks and Spencer is now set to move away from its traditional high street locations and open out-of-town stores. Feasibility and planning studies have demonstrated that the concept will work and sites are being sought. Part of the logic for this is that city centre locations cannot offer adequate car parking.

Despite an increase in turnover from £2,276m to £2,596.7m Lord Sieff conceded that mistakes had been made during the year. He cited weaknesses in the range of clothing, particularly for the under-25s and in the outsize range, and the failure to meet customer demand for footwear in 100 stores as examples. The group is also to revamp its children's wear department.

Lord Sieff: first credit card

GEC cash reserves will aid companies

By Our City Editor

GEC, the turbines to washing machines group led by Lord Weinstock, is to use part of its £1.5 billion cash mountain to set up an outpatients' department for ailing companies.

After months of speculation, culminating in the £45m purchase of a 4 per cent stake in Distillers Company, GEC was finally drawn into issuing a statement last night on what it terms its "so-called cash mountain".

The statement says: "Because of GEC's positive cash flow, remunerative outlets will be sought for investment of money for the time being not required for the company's normal business.

"A part of the cash resources is being set aside to form a specialized activity in this field, and the company may be able to assist managements of companies in which it takes a stake to improve their performance, to the general benefit."

The intention is that in this way, GEC will earn a better return on its money "in the long run" than deposits or interest-bearing securities.

And in an astonishing break with its normally cautious tone in public pronouncements, GEC names Distillers, the Johnnie Walker whisky and Gordon's gin business, as the first client which it "may be able to assist".

On December 24 last year *The Times* registered the accumulation of shares in Distillers, and last week it named GEC unequivocally as the buyer

Since 1979, Distillers' turnover has grown from £940m to only £1.1 billion as the world lost its taste for scotch. Profits this year are expected to fall from the 1983 figure of £200m.

Lord Weinstock: drawn into issuing a statement

Receivers in at Midland Industries

By Jonathan Clare

Midland Industries, one of the best-known names in Britain's "metal-bashing" industry, yesterday called in the receivers after days of speculation.

The company is believed to have debts of about £12m and a week ago called in Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, for advice.

The company needed a cash injection of £2m to continue trading but the banks, led by the Bank of Scotland, declined to continue support after a detailed review of operations.

Shares were suspended last week after plunging to only 7p following the sale by Mr Edward Nassar, a Swiss-based businessman, of part of his stake. Mr Nassar chairs another Midland Company, Blue Bind Confectionery.

Midland has suffered from a long-term decline in demand for products like valves, and also from import competition.

Mr Bill Mackey and Mr W M Roberts, of Ernst and Whinney, have been appointed receivers and are currently trying to untangle the group's complex accounts. They intend to continue the business while looking for buyers.

Stamp duty exemption

Companies which buy their own shares are to be exempted from paying stamp duty on the transactions, Mr John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, announced in a written Parliamentary answer yesterday.

The Companies Act of 1981 allows companies to buy their own shares but although it exempted them from paying Capital Gains Tax on any future issue of the cancelled shares, nothing was said about transfer duty.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1,136 8 down 1 5 (day's high 1,137 2, low, 1,133 1
FT Index: 915.8 up 5.7
FT Gilts: 81 66 up 0.06
FT All Share: –
Bargains: 20,001
Datastream USM Leaders
Index: 115 12 up 0 42
New York: Dow Jones Ind.
Average: (latest) 1178.60 up 7 85
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index
11 019 09 down 2 81
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index
1034 73 down 2 33

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1 3980 down 5pts
Index 79.8 up 0 1
DM 3.8150 up 0.0150
FrF 11.6950 up 0.0350
Yen 317.25 down .25
Dollar
Index 130.0 up 0.3
DM 2.7260 up 0.0080

NEW YORK LATEST

Sterling $1 4000
Dollar DM 2.7240

INTERNATIONAL

ECU n/a
SDR £0 748009

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates $8\frac{1}{2}$
Finance houses base rate 9
Discount market loans week fixed $8\frac{1}{2}$
3 month interbank $9 - \frac{15}{16}$

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar $11 - 11\frac{11}{16}$
3 month DM $5\frac{11}{16} - 5\frac{9}{16}$
3 month Fr F $12\frac{1}{2} - 12\frac{3}{8}$

US rates
Bank prime rate 12 00
Fed funds 11
Treasury long bond $93\frac{5}{8} - 93\frac{13}{16}$

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period from April 4 to May 1 1984, inclusive 8 934 per cent

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $376.40 pm $376 50
close $377 25-$377 75 (£270-£270.50)
New York (latest) $377 75
Krugerrand* (per coin).
$388 50-390 (£278-279)
Sovereigns* (new)
$88 50-89 50 (£63 75-64)
*Excludes VAT

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mezzanine buys into publisher

Mezzanine Capital Corporation, the British-backed US investment advised by Charterhouse J. Rothschild, has invested $7.6m (£5.45m) in New American Library, the fourth largest US paperback book publisher.

The money buys a subordinated loan note and a 10 per cent equity interest.

- TARMAC, the quarry products, building materials, construction and housebuilding group, increased pretax profits by 30 per cent to a record £89.6m last year. A proposed final dividend of 10p will lift the year's total 23.6 per cent to 13.6p. Tempus, page 16
- J. HEPWORTH & SON, the high-street fashion retailer, increased pretax profits for the six months to February 29 to £6.6m (£3.7m). Turnover increased from £52.1m to £56.5m and the interim dividend is 2.25p (1.59). Tempus, page 16
- Pretax profits of Saatchi & Saatchi for the six months to March 31 nearly doubled from £4.8m to £9.2m. The interim dividend is up from 2.82p to 5.64p and the half-time payment includes 1.22p of exceptional income. Tempus, page 16
- A STRENGTHENING of the board of Jaguar Cars, the BL subsidiary soon to be privatized, was announced with the addition of Mr Hamish Orr-Ewing, chairmanof Rank Xerox as chairman designate and Mr Edward Bond, finance director of Beecham Group.

North Sea output slips

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

North Sea oil output has fallen during March to slightly over 2.5 million barrels a day, still 400,000 barrels a day above the production ceiling that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries feels is Britain's "natural level of output."

Members of Opec still feel that Britain should keep its North Sea production to around 2.1 million barrels a day at a time when it is attempting to enforce an overall 17.5 million barrels a day production limit

However, Britain has always maintained that the Government has no power to limit output

Figures issued by Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, show that in March production fell to over 2.5 million barrels a day because of maintenance at several fields and that annual output is now averaging 2.37 million barrels a day.

British drive aims to double consumer sales

US export battle stepped up

By John Lawless

The Government yesterday anounced its biggest export promotion drive in the US market. One of its aims is to double annual consumer goods sales over the next few years.

Lord Jellicoe, chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, said at the launch ceremony: "The US is the world's largest import market and Britain's biggest overseas market. It ran neck and neck with West Germany for quite a time, but has now outdistanced it".

Although trade officials are anxious to stress the improved performance of British exporters in the market, the 27 per cent rise in the value of goods sold there last year was more than half accounted for by the strong downward movement of sterling against the dollar. By volume, exports rose between 8 and 11 per cent.

Lord Jellicoe said: "The value conceals the fact that our share of the market fell from over 5 per cent in 1982 to 4.6 per cent last year which meant that we were doing less well than competitors.

"Of what the average American household buys, only half of one per cent is accounted for by British products. Our immediate target is to daouble that".

A breakdown of trade statistics shows how big a target that is, even though the aim is to achieve the increase over five years. Total exports last year were worth £8.3 billion. However, when oil is extracted, the sales figure fell to £5.5 billion of which about a third (or £1.8 billion) was accounted for by consumer goods.

The campaign will have full national advertising backing and will see the return, after three years, of government-subsidised sales missions for exporters in certain industries. There will also be free seminars during the coming year in Britain, and an increase in store promotions in America, again backed by BOTB cash.

The drive will get the full backing of ministers and big companies which serve British exporters, starting on May 13, when a week long to the US west coast by Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Indusrty, has been deliberately timed to coincide with a trade mission sponsored by Barclays Bank and organized by the London Chamber of Commerce. A promotion group from the British Invisible Exports Council will be there at the same time.

The west coast is a particular target area. Lord Jellicoe said: "Personal income is 18 per cent above the US national average.

Mr Frank Kennedy, Britain's New York based director general of trade development, said: "Trading conditions in the US were better last year than for five perhaps even eight or nine years."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hanson nears US Industries deal

By Michael Clark

Hanson Trust appears to be home and dry in its $531m (£370m) takeover bid for US Industries in the United States.

The US Industries board said yesterday that it was withdrawing its objections to Hanson's $23 a share offer because a management buy-out group had been unable to find the finance to mount a rival bid worth $24. It said it was continuing its efforts to find the money but "major obstacles remained to be overcome".

Sir Gordon White, the Hanson executive in charge of the group's extensive US operations said: "I would like something a bit more positive like a recommendation to accept our bid and I am meeting the US Industries directors later to discuss this. But the signs are good."

Hanson shares surged 20p through the chart break point of 200p to a record high of 219p in response to the news. At this level the ordinary shares alone are worth £1.42 billion and on top of that there is considerable value built into the Hanson convertibles.

The rest of the equity market remained in a cautious mood with investors still worried by US interest rates and possible selling of shares by US investors. However, turnover was last night described as light with most of the attention focused on second liners and takeover situations.

It was left up to a single handed effort by **Distillers**, the Johnnie Walker and White Horse scotch whisky to Gordons Gin company, to keep the FT index's head above water. After yesterday's report in *The Times* that GEC had increased its holding to just over 4 per cent (worth a cool £47.25m) the shares leapt 23p to a record high of 315p.

The statement from GEC regarding its acquisition and investment policy came too late to affect the price. In the event, the index closed at its high for the day 5.7 up at a record high of 915.8. The FT-SE 100 reflected a clearer trend closing 1.5 down at 1136.8.

Among the leaders, **Allied Lyons** rose 3p to 174p, **BICC** 3p to 263p, **GEC** 8p to 190p, **Peninsula & Oriental** 3p to 327p, **Thorn EMI** 2p to 634p and **Trusthouse Forte** 1p to 126p. But there were losses in **BTR** 3p to 489p, **Beecham** 5p to 321p, **Blue Circle** 2p to 426p, **Boots** 2p to 179p, **Bowater** 3p to 311p, **Glaxo** 10p to 765p, **Hawker Siddeley** 4p to 458p, **ICI** 10p to 616p, **Plessey** 4p to 242p, and **TI Group** 2p to 260p.

The bid whispers are again doing the rounds in Ranks Hovis McDougall and yesterday successfully cut short an early bout of selling to leave the shares unchanged at 90½p. Word is a group of overseas buyers are putting together a deal and may be about to bid for S & W Berisford's important 14.9 per cent stake. Berisford was unavailable for comment, but at this level RHM is valued at £247m.

Gilts spent another quiet day still overshadowed by the strength of the dollar and last week's announcement of a new £1,000m "tap" stock. Falls extended to £¼ in longs, while at the shorter end prices were barely tested.

On the bid front, **Martin Ford** advanced 1½p to 62p on the news that **The Rochdale Canal Co** had bought 800,000 shares equal to about 5.12 per cent of the total equity. Rochdale Canal also holds a sizable stake in Stylo, which has just fought off an approach from Harris Queensway.

Events continue to move swiftly at **Southend Stadium** where the shares raced away 8p to a new high of 59p yesterday. In addition to the proposed board reshuffle, Yelverton Investments, Mr Jim Slater's latest public vehicle, has confirmed it owns 900,000 shares, or 17.67 per cent of the equity.

Southend's biggest rival GRA, which controls the majority of the organized dog racing tracks in Britain, also owns a near 30 per cent stake in the company and this has led to speculation that part of the group's property assets may be developed with the help of its new backers. **GRA** responded with a rise of 2p to 67p.

Europco has emerged as the buyer of Sir Benjamin Slade's stake in **Richardson Westgarth**. Europco confirmed it had bought 1.2 million shares from Shirlstar for an undisclosed price following Sir Banjamin's resignation from the Richardson Westgarth board. Shares of Richardson closed hardened 1p to 30p.

Metal Closures held steady at 189p after Mr K. H. Fischer, a director, announced he bought extra 599,000 shares taking his total holding to 1.59 million, or just over the disclosable 5 per cent level.

London Overseas Freighter is continuing to have talks with its bankers over their continued support and is now attempting to arrange underwriting facilities for a rights issue as part of the conditions for continued support laid down by the bankers. Despite an improvement in freight rates further "substantial" losses will be reported for the second half. The news clipped 3p from the shares at a new low of 15p.

Martin the Newsagent continued to make headway following the news of an approach from a mystery bidder. The shares hit 2066p, at one stage, before reacting to 250p, a net loss on the day of 1p.

Henry Ansbacher Holdings, the merchant banking group, took on its third leading equity partner in eight years yesterday when it announced terms for Pargesa Holding, a Swiss investment firm, and Groupe Bruxelles Lambert, the Belgian financial conglomerate, to buy a stake of up to 29.99 per cent.

Pargesa and Group Bruxelles will underwrite a one-for-three rights issue at 100p a share. As some Ansbacher shareholders have said they will waive their rights, the newcomers will acquire at least 17 per cent of the enlarged capital in this way, and will then top up to the target level. Pargesa and Group Bruxelles will also lend £14.5m to Ansbacher through a varying rate convertible unsecured loan stock 1994-2004. In 1976 the US-based Lissauer commodities group invested in Ansbacher, and two years ago Touche Remnant, the investment group, bought 20 per cent.

The jobbers are having a lean time of things in Pauls & Whites, the maltster and animal feedstuffs group. Yesterday the shares added 2p to 255p – just 10p short of the year's high – and a two-day rise of 12p. One big buyer is known to be sniffing around and word in the market suggests a bid, eventually, from J. Bibby. At this level, Pauls & Whites is valued at £72.5m.

Racal Electronics sliped 2p to 227p despite some bullish remarks *from broker Earnshaw* which says the shares now look to be emerging from a below average phase into a period of pronounced strength. The downside risk looks very limited by what should now be very strong support just below current levels, and the shares should be purchased with an upside target of at least 275p.

Leisuretime International rose 5p to 72p after Kennedy Brookes confirmed yesterday's article in *The Times* that it had *acquired just under 7 percent of* the shares. A similar amount is also belived to have been picked up by the privately owned Virani Group.

Gold shares continued to lose ground along with the bullion price reflecting the stronger dollar on world markets.

Equity turnover on April 30, was £242.692m (21,559 bargains). The total number of British and Irish shares traded was 141 million. Gilt bargains amounted to 2,742.

NEWS IN BRIEF

● **LEGAL AND GENERAL:** The group is joining the European Banking company to market the European Banking Traded Currency Fund in Britain.

● **MICRO BUSINESS SYSTEMS:** The chairman, Mr Clive Richards says in his annual review that 1984 has started well. The original group together with Alveronic, had been set significantly increased targets for 1984. In first three months of year, thses have been exceeded.

TEMPUS

After the boom days Saatchi diversifies

Some years ago, Saatchi & Saatchi hit on the idea of offering clients worldwide coordinated promotion compaigns, a natural, and even slightly belated response to the spread of the multinational. The idea, a classic "gap in the market" perception, has worked so well that Saatchi & Saatchi now ranks number seven among world advertising agencies; has 70 offices in 40 countries as part of the network; sports a Wall Street listing; and has nearly £40m lodged in the bank. Back in the late seventies Saatchi was making less than £2m a year pretax.

Nor have the shareholders been ignored. Between 1978 and 1983, the cost of the payout has jumped from £180,000 to over £2m, and if this year's doubled interim forms any guide, the value of the full-year dividend in 1983-84 could be around £3m.

The snap reaction to the glittering record must be to sell the shares, on the grounds that such growth, like the unicorn, will not pass this way again. Comments by the company yesterday that it is now seeking to diversify could imply an impending move towards a lower growth rate.

Despite the heady multiple however of 30 at last night's closing price of 745p, it is possibley premature to switch on to the bear tack. The advertising sector itself is grwoing at around 12 per cent a year, and Saatchi's interim turnover gain of around 40 per cent represents an above-average expansion rate.

Margin clawback is not only successful, witness the 60 per cent improvement in the US Compton buy, post acquisition, but has further to go. Saatchi's British margins are now 2 per cent, compared with a target 3 per cent, and profitability in the US can also improve.

Finally, to suggestions that the really big US agencies, like Youmg and Rubicam are just too large to overhaul, Saatchi retorts that its motivation and lively sense of regionalism can test US flab. On this basis, diversification plans, perhaps into building a world wide PR agency, look far less mercurial, and with massive credit lines, to back up its cash, Saatchi could inject its tough financial systems into a fairly significant acquisition.

Market hopes are now for further growth in the second half for a full year outturn of about £18m (11.2m), which gives earnings per share of 37p, including the one-off benefit from realizing profits on the roll-up funds. A prospective rating of 20 is fairly demanding, but then so too are the group's US ambitions.

Perhaps the group should now do the whole world a favour by pitching for the Fed account, and cheering up the bonds.

Tarmac

After the unnerving announcement by George Wimpey last week that it is providing £41.7m against losses in overseas construction, Tarmac must be thanking its lucky stars that it learned its lesson about the risks of international contracting so painfully in Nigeria six years ago.

Ever since, it has been winding down its overseas construction side and last year the division accounted for a mere £30m out of group sales of £1.65 billion, allowing Tarmac's carefully integrated spread of aggregate, building product and housebuilding businesses to show their paces free from troublesome contracts in faraway places.

Pretax profits rose 30 per cent, helped by buoyant results from housebuilding, where the group achieved a big recovery in profits by switching emphasis from second to first-time buyers, and excellent progress in the big quarry products division.

House building is set for another strong year in 1984. Completions are expected to rise from 6,200 to more than 7,000, while acquisitions will contribute several millions in their own right, there are also unuantifiable benefits through integration with existing Tarmac businesses.

Moreover, Tarmac subsidiaries in both South Africa and the US will do well this year while building products in France, which lost more than £1m in 1983, should break even after remedial action.

Profits of more than £105m look possible, with more on the cards in 1985 when the group should begin to benefit significantly from its high level of capital spending in the past two years. Tarmac's acqusition ambitions in the US where it is in discussions with a number of quite substantial agregates companies, can probably be realized without recourse to shareholders for further funds and the shares, which at 522p stand on a prospective multiple of 9.2 and a yield of 3.7 per cent, continue to represent reasonable value.

J. Hepworth

The transformation of J Hepworth from a struggling downbeat chain of men's outfitters to glossy upmarket fashion retailers is well on the way to completion. The much-needed shake-up began two years ago with the launch of the Next stores, aimed at meeting the clothing demands of the smart and better off women in the 25 to 35 age group. Under the inspired leadership of Mr George Davis, they have been a tremendous success and now account for most of Hepworth's profits.

Mr Davis leads a new retail management team which combines both the menswear and womenswear divisions. His main task will be to bring a similar turnround in men's fashion. The attack will be in three directions. The closure off 60 smaller Hepworth outlets has already been announced, to cease trading in August. At the same time, Hepworth will open about 40 Next for Men stores which it is hoped will capture a similar market to the female counterpart. The third move will be to increase the number of stores which combine a Next outlet and an Hepworth outlet.

If the return on the menswear assets can be improved the room for further growth at Hepworth is considerable. The organization will be both slimmer and more profitable. It has shed the burden of debt which hampered progress in the past and during the first six months there were almost no borrowings.

Trading in recent weeks has been sluggish, but the hot weather has boosted sales and if this is sustained then Hepworth should make £13m pretax in the full year. The share price dipped 13p to 300p and there could be a period of short term consolidation. However potential pretax profits of £16.5m in 1984-85 offer room for the shares to rise again over the next two years.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● ***HOSKINS AND HORTON:*** The group turnover for 1983 rose to £12.04m from £10.81m with pretax profits at £931,000 (£524,000). Share price yesterday was 183p (after 186p) up 3.

● **ROWLAND GAUNT:** Turnover for the six months to October 31 last was down to £8.566 (£70,127) with a trading loss of £41,827 (loss £18,389). Pretax loss rose £43,203 (loss £22,579). Loss per share before extraordinary debit was 13.94p (6.13p). No interim dividend was declared.

● **AYRSHIRE METAL PRODUCTS:** Turnover for 1983 rose to £14.09m from £13.81m with pretax profit at £56,000 against £539,000 loss.

● **A. & C. BLACK:** The company has declared a final dividend of 6p making 9p (7.5p). Turnover for 1983 rose to £3.2m from £2.7m with pretax profit at £362,000 (£335,000). Shares rose to 340p, up 15p.

● **BENJAMIN PRIEST Group:** Armstrong Equipment and Benjamin Priest have announced an agreement which will contribute significantly to the rationalization of the British fastener industry. Benjamin Priest and Sons, BPG's bolt making subsidiary, is to be closed and certain operations to be transferred within the group. Shares rose to 23p, up 1p.

● **C. H. PEARCE AND SONS:** The company has declared an interim dividend of 1.5p (1.417p). Group turnover for the six months to November 30 but rose to £13.79m (£11.89m) with pretax profit at £1.33m (£1.29m).

● **CAMBRIAN AND GENERAL SECURITIES:** Gross income for this six months to March 31st rose to £2.19m (£850,000). Interim dividend was unchanged at 0.25p. Pretax revenue was up to £195,000 (£194,000). Shares rose to 74p.

● **EATON CORPORATION:** Eaton has acquired the California-based Master Specialties, a privately held manufacturer of illuminated push-button switches and related technology.

● **TOWERGOLD/CLAYHITHE:** *Subscriptions* for Towergold's offer of convertible unsecured loan stock 1989/91 have been received for £3,376,000. The offers by the company for the ordinary capital and loan stock of Clayhithe have been posted to Clayhithe shareholders.

● **DRILLING TOOLS:** Acceptances of the offers by Petrocon to acquire Drilling Tools capital not already owned by Petrocon have been received in respect of 147,014 existing ordinary shares. Acceptances of the offers, together with the 65,500 ordinary shares already owned by Petrocon, amount to 212,514 existing ordinary (96.45 per cent).

CWS profits slip by 2% as turnover increases

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

The Co-Operative Wholesale Society's 1983 trading profits slipped 2 per cent, on a £2.1 billion turnover that was 8 per *cent higher.*

And Mr Dennis Landau, the chief executive, warned yesterday that Co-op retail societies were unlikely to see any significant short-term recovery of the market share lost in the last few years.

J. Sainsbury had moved ahead in the packaged grocery market, said Mr Landau, but the Co-op was still Britain's biggest retailer, with a spread of goods and services ranging from most household items to funerals, and providing a third of the nation's milk.

Despite reduced profits of £16.6m, the CWS is increasing by £1.5m to £6m its dividend to retail societies, to which it is main supplier of goods, some produced in CWS factories.

With reduced Co-op trading as smaller outlets are phased out by retail societies, the CWS is anxious to encourage retail societies to buy more from the CWS, which at present supplies 75 to 80 per cent.

The increased dividend is also seen as aid for retail societies struggling to meet intense competition.

CWS retailing, which now accounts for 11 per cent of all Co-op retailing, also faced £1.9m in losses in taking over a number of troubled retail societies in Scotland and Northern Ireland. Rationalization and re-organization throughout the CWS cost another £4m.

But CWS capital investment has increased by £10m to £58m.

£24,000 pay rise for Laird Group chief

By Jonathan Clare

Mr John Gardiner, chief executive of the Laird Group, received a pay increase of almost one-third last year, according to the annual report published yesterday.

The increase is from £74,000 to £98,000 and is not part of a formal profits-related pay scheme. However, the company pointed out that in previous years he has received a much smaller increase – in 1982 his pay went up by only £2,000 to £74,000.

The annual report also shows that he now has options on more than 400,000 Laird shares against 280,000 in 1982. The increase in the share options is directly *linked to his salary.* Several other group directors have also received substantial pay increases.

Last year, Laird's profits increased from £19.1m to £21.1m, a figure which would have been much greater but for a setback in the specialist engineering products division. Profits there fell from £4.2m to £1.9m because of a substantial fall in demand for cutting tools in the US and for aero-engine parts in Britain.

However, the company says that demand revived late last year after a cutback in capacity. Although the improvement in demand came too late to help 1983 results, the first few months of this year have shown an upturn.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The pound rallied well from early selling pressure yesterday which forced the rate against the dollar to within a whisker of its lowest traded position of 1.3910, plumbed in early January. At the close sterling had recovered to 1.3980, just five points below Monday's close.

The pound's trade weighted index finished slightly ahead at 79.8 compared with 79.7 overnight, while in terms of other leading currencies, sterling improved slightly, closing at 3.8090 (3.7980), in Deutschmark terms and making ground against the Swiss franc at 3.1390 (3.1350).

The dollar continued to be supported by high US interest rates.

MONEY MARKETS

The markets were notable for further firming up of the periods, led by the longer end, because of the unease over the troubled pound. There was also concern about interest rates if next Tuesday's money supply figures do not show considerable improvement.

Operations in day-to-day money proved dull. The Bank's initial forecast of a £350m shortage was eventually revised to £450m.

But total assistance amounted only to £393 – £189m bill purchases at established intervention rates in the morning, a further £114m in the afternoon, then £90m.

Some houses paid up to 8⅛ per cent during the morning. Rates reached 8¾ per cent before a late fall to 8 per cent.

Steinberg to buy Hornsea for £1.5m

The Steinberg Group has reached agreement with the receivers of Hornsea Pottery Company to acquire the business and undertaking of Hornsea for £1.5m.

The purchase consideration and working capital requirements will be financed out of bank facilities available to Steinberg.

Assets to be acquired include the two properties and surrounding sites at Hornsea, East Yorkshire, and Lancaster, and plant and machinery and work in progress at sites.

In addition to the sums payable for the acquisition of the assets, the company will act as selling agents for the receivers to dispose of finished stocks of pottery.

Hornsea manufactures a range of pottery products of which a significant proportion is exported. Hornsea also operates about 50 acres near its factories as leisure and retail sites.

Steinberg believes the sites represent a valuable asset and profit opportunity.

In brief

● SILENTNIGHT HOLDINGS: The company has declared a final dividend of 1.75p making 2.75p. Turnover for the year to January 28 last slipped to 76.66m from £77.27m with pretax profit at £5.23m against £5.22m last time share price was 67p, down 2p

● CARDLY PRINT: Group turnover rose to 3,362,000 for the six months to December 31 last from £2,612,000 with pretax profits up to 320,000 from £266,000. Share price rose to 56p (up 4p).

● NEWARTHILL: Mr John Greenborough, chairman, says in the company's annual report: "We have become used to difficult trading conditions. The whole organization has responded and by increased efficiency has maintained profit margins under this pressure, which is unlikely to become any easier in the near future.

● GASKELL BROADLOOM: Mr E. D. Andrew, chairman says in his annual statement that this year has started slightly ahead of last year on tunover but profit is marginally down and he feels it is going to be difficult to achieve the same profit overall this year as last.

● COLE GROUP: Dr J. W. Barret, chairman in his annual review, says group's balance sheet continues to strengthen, and the board will now use this strength as a base from which to enter a new periods of expansion. Turnover for first quarter of 1984 is up on that for the first quarter of last year, and indications are that this trend should be maintained. Exports continue to advance, he adds.

● ELBAR INDUSTRIAL: Mr R. P. L. McMurtrie, chairman, says in his annual statement that trading performance in the early months of 1984 has been mixed, with some units showing considerable progress. However, the impact of the disposal programme should improve the overall picture.

● NORTHERN GOLDSMITHS: The company declared a final dividend of 3.65p making 5.5p (0.85p). For year to February 29 last turnover rose to £18.32m from £16.65m with trading profit at £510,000 (£133,000). Interest payable 79 (72). Pretax profit of £431,000 (£61,000) was made up of retail jewellery £184,000 (£33,000) and bookmaking and finance £247,000 (£28,000).

● FRANCIS SUMNER (HLDGS): Group turnover for the last calendar year slipped to £4.8m from £5.7m with pretax loss at £196,000 against £228,000. Loss per share was 0.9p (0.74p) before extraordinary items. The board says that the disappointing results for 1983, coupled with prospects of limited progress in the current year, emphasized the group's need to seek suitable diversification from which it can develop.

● FIRST CASTLE ELECTRONICS: The company has declared a final dividend of 1.155p making 1.925p (1.75p). Turnover for the year to January 31 last rose to £14.4m from £6.1m. Shares slipped to 132p, down 6p.

● ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS: Mr Gordon Hazzard, chairman, announced "a record first quarter in terms of orders and sales. There is little doubt that we will achieve the targets we have set ourselves for the first half year," he said at the company's annual meeting.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	8¾%
Barclays	8¾%
BCCI	8¾%
Citibank Savings†	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	8¾%
Continental Trust	8¾%
C. Hoare & Co	*8¾%
Lloyds Bank	8¾%
Midland Bank	8¾%
Nat Westminster	8¾%
TSB	8¾%
Williams & Glyn's	8¾%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000 [illegible], £10,000 up to £50,000 [illegible], £50,000 and over [illegible].

Economic Commentary by Tim Congdon

An alternative solution for Hongkong

Lord Palmerston has never been credited with the invention of enterprize zones. That accolade has instead been awarded to Sir Geoffrey Howe who sponsored their introduction in 1981 when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer.

There is some historical unfairness in this as Lord Palmerston does have a reasonable claim to have come first. As Foreign Secretary more than 140 years ago, he annexed Hongkong after a disreputable squabble with China over the opium trade. He thought it a paltry reward for the fighting and described the territory as "a barren rock" which could not become "a mart for trade".

But Hongkong was made into a free port all the same, the first enterprize zone to be backed by the British Government. Sir Geoffrey Howe is now Foreign Secretary and has the difficult task of persuading the Chinese that Palmerston's legacy should be respected. If the Peking government does respect it, it could eventually – in Sir Geoffrey's words – "make a contribution to China's development out of all proportion to its size".

Palmerston did not foresee Hongkong's remarkable destiny. In the 1840s and 1850s he was more concerned about India, an emphasis which was understandable enough since it was much larger and more populous than his Chinese acquisition. The disparity continues to this day.

India has a population of 750 million and a land area of almost 1.2 million square miles, Hongkong a population of under 6 million and a land area of 398 square miles, much of which is indeed barren. If Palmerston had known that this would be the relative position in the 1980s he would surely have felt vindicated in his dismissal of Hongkong's potential.

He would have been wrong. Last year Hongkong – with less than 1 per cent of India's population and 0.03 per cent of its land area – conducted a foreign trade which was twice as large. The total value of Hongkong's exports and imports was almost $50 billion, compared to India's $25 billion. The contrast was greatest with exports. They were 2½ times higher from Hongkong than India.

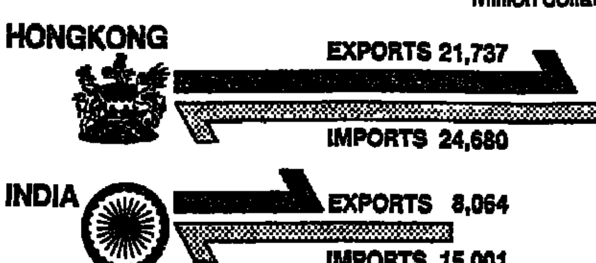
How is this staggering anomaly to be explained? Is it too impertinent, too much of an affront to the laws of neo-colonialism or some such crypto-Marxist gibberish, to suggest that India had the misfortune to be granted independence in 1947 while Hongkong has been blessed with 50 more years of British rule?

Economic policy in India after independence was dominated by contemporary intellectual fashions in Western countries. In particular, a variety of sympathetic magic known as "industrial policy" was thought to have remarkable powers for overcoming economic backwardness. *It was associated with* a set of beliefs subsequently termed "heavy-industry fundamentalism" according to which great good would come if peasants' living standards were sacrificed to the construction of huge steel plants.

Planning and heavy-industry fundamentalism were believed to be so effective as agents of economic progress that commercial policy was neglected. As free trade was regarded as an obsolete relic of the colonial past, extensive import controls were introduced to mark India's entry into the modern age. In addition, import purchasing was increasingly entrusted to officals in planning agencies, the administrators of state-owned industries and a miscellany of political toadies who, it was assumed, would have a better understanding of India's "national interest" than greedy businessmen and merchants.

'Civil servants' aim was to collect pensions'

Hongkong, by contrast, had no pretensions to intellectual innovation. In the late twentieth century it was clearly an anachronism. The main objective of the small number of British civil sevants who governed it was to collect their pensions. They judged that the safest way of achieving this was to do as little as possible. Because of their inactivity free trade survived in a completely pure form.



It was the difference in trade regime which, probably more than any other influence, accounted for the gap between Hongkong's and India's economic growth in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. We have now arrived at an extraordinary situation where one of the world's smallest political entities has an international trade twice as great as one of the largest and the people of a city-state who are 98 per cent Chinese desperately, if unrealistically, want the indefinite continuation of alien British rule.

Sceptics could protest that a straight comparison of Hongkong and Indian trade totals is misleading. Much of Hongkong's commerce arises because it is the trans-shipment port between China and the rest of the world. Surely, if re-exports were deducted, Hongkong would be less important.

In a statistical sense the objection would be invalid. In 1983 domestic exports amounted to HK$104.4 billion and re-exports to HK$56.3 billion.

The value of Hongkong's domestic exports still exceeded that of India's total exports by a wide margin. In an analytical sense, however, the comment is very perceptive.

The point is of course, that the only reason Hongkong can be a big exporter is that it is also a big importer. Unlike India, it could never hope to be self-sufficient in a major industrial or agricultural product. Whenever locally-made components, fabrics, spare parts or other inputs are unavailable, they are bought abroad, incorporated in domestic products and the the domestic products are then exported as "Made in Hongkong".

This freedom to import has been responsible for Hongkong's formidably competitive position as an exporter of textiles and clothing. If nations were governed by logic and not by politicians, India's textile imports would be a multiple of Hongkong's. In fact, Hongkong's are five times as large as India's. Under the iniquitous Multi-Fibre Arrangement which restricts textile imports from developing countries into the advanced industrial nations, Hongkong – but not India – is accorded the status of a "dominant supplier".

The obvious virtues of free trade

For example, Hongkong jeans manufacturers benefit from their freedom to import zips. This may sound trivial, but it is a matter of common observation that an efficiently-operating zip is an essential attribute of a good pair of jeans. India, despite its planning and heavy-industry fundamentalism, does not make efficiently-working zips: Japan and South Korea do.

So Hongkong jeans manufacturers buy the zips from Japan or South Korea, have them sewn in with foreign-made textile machinery and export a final product of reasonable quality. This option is not available to their Indian counterparts. Because they cannot import zips from Japan or South Korea, they must buy the inferior home-made version instead. As a result their jeans are not of high enough standard to compete with Hongkong in world markets.

Neo-colonialism and free trade have such obvious virtues that one wonders about the wisdom and relevance of Sir Geoffrey Howe's recent negotiations. The notion that China has anything to gain by assuming sovereignty over Hongkong in 1997 belongs to a bygone era, the era of Dag Hammarskjold, Kwame Nkrumah, President Sukarno and the "Bandung Generation", as Paul Johnson has called it in his *History of the Modern World*.

The record of colonial rule suggests that the negotiations should have been about a quite different proposal. In the best interests of its people the Peking government should request that British sovereignty be extended from Hongkong to the entire Chinese mainland, with a land area of 3.64 million square miles and a population of about 1,000 million, and that such sovereignty be maintained in perpetuity.

This proposal should please everyone. Palmerston would be delighted that his annexation of a barren rock had ultimately led to the acquisition of a very adequate substitute for the Indian Empire; Sir Geoffrey Howe would enthuse about the formalization of Hongkong's position as the world's biggest, brightest and best enterprize zone; the citizens of Hongkong would enjoy continuing rule by indolent expatriate civil servants; and, last but not least, the Chinese people could embrace full-blooded capitalism, an activity at which they clearly excel and would soon become world-beaters.

There is, however, one controversial aspect to the proposal. If a capitalist China were to be even half as successful as a capitalist Hongkong, it would be a totally dominant supplier to the world economy – and not just of textiles and clothing.

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Dan Air boost for Davies and Newman

By Jonathan Clare

The Dan Air Airline helped Davies and Newman Holdings to increase profits by £1m last year despite the difficult shipping market.

Mr Wilfred Jones, the finance director, said yesterday that aviation margins were tight but improved productivity kept profits reasonable. Group profits increased from £3.3m to £4.3m, including profits from the sale of surplus aircraft.

The 1984 aircraft fleet is likely to be bigger with more Boeing 737-200 aircraft coming in. The charter load factor – the perecentage of seats filled is also expected to increase in line with the market. Meanwhile, Dan Air is looking for more scheduled and contract business.

Falling interest rates have reduced income from cash on deposit, but have also reduced interest payable on loans for aircraft.

Davies and Newman has made a £5.3m provision for the reduction in capital allowances, outlined in the Budget, which will lower earnings from 50.7 per share to 38.6p.

The current year strated slowly and exchange rate fluctuations make it difficult to estimate the full year performance.

The company says the airline will be busy, oil drilling will produce a very good result, but shipbroking prospects remain uncertain.

The dividend has been mainted at a total of 10p.

WALL STREET

Dow surges 7.5 points

New York (AP – Dow Jones) – Stocks were broadly higher in active trading early yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 7.5 points to 1,178 close to the upper limits of its recent trading range.

Advancing issues were 2-to-1 over declines.

Mr Dudley Eppel, senior vice-president at Danaldson Lufkin & Jenrette, said that he saw no specific reason for the surge.

International Business Machines was up 1⅛ to 114¾; General Motors up ⅝ at 67½; General Electric up ½ to 56; Exxon up ⅛ to 42¾ Merck up ⅞ to 92⅝; NCR up 1⅛ to 109⅝; Teledyne up ⅞ to 156⅝. Texas Instruments up 1½ to 149

	Apr 30	Apr 27
AMF Inc	16⅛	15⅞
AMR	33⅝	33½
Allied Chem	53⅝	52¾
Allied Stores	40⅝	40
Allis Chalmers	11½	11½
Alcoa	35¾	35¾
Amax Inc	25	25
Amerada Hess	31½	31⅛
Am Brands	55⅝	56¼
Am Broadcast	58¾	59⅝
Am Can	45	45
Am Cyanamid	48¾	49
Am Elec Power	16½	16⅜
Am Home	55¾	55⅛
Am Motors	9⅝	9¾
Am Nat Res	47½	47½
Am Standard	29	29¼
Am Telephone	15⅞	15⅝
Armco Steel	18⅜	18¼
Asarco	29⅛	29⅝
Ashland Oil	27	27
Atlntic Richfield	49⅛	49⅝
Avco	27½	27
Avon Products	20⅝	20⅝
Bankers Tst NY	42⅝	42⅝
Bank of America	19⅞	20¼
Bank of Boston	35¾	35
Bank of NY	28½	28⅝
Beatrice Foods	30½	30½
Bethlehem Steel	26	26
Boeing	37⅞	38½
Boise Cascade	40¾	40⅝
Borden	52¾	53
Borg Warner	18⅝	19¼
Bristol Myers	46½	46⅝
BP	28½	28⅝
Burlington Ind	35¾	35⅝
Burlington Nthn	42½	42½
Burroughs	51⅞	51⅝
Campbell Soup	60½	60⅝
Canadian Pacific	33¾	33¾
Caterpillar	47	47⅞
Celanese	72¾	72¾
Central Soya	16⅜	16⅝
Chase Manhat	47⅝	47¾
Chem Bank NY	31⅞	31½
Chrysler	25¾	25¾
Citicorp	33¾	34¼
Clark Equip	31⅞	32⅛
Coca Cola	54⅝	54½
Colgate	25	25¾
CBS	72¾	72
Columbia Gas	34½	34½
Combustion Eng	28⅝	28⅝
Comwlth Edison	23	23¼
Cons Edison	24¾	24¾
Cons Foods	29	29⅛
Cons Power	7⅝	6⅞
Continental Grp	35½	35½
Control Data	30¾	30⅝
Corning Glass	62⅞	63¾
CPC Intnl	37¼	37⅜
Crane	33⅝	33⅞
Crocker Int	23¼	23⅝
Crown Zeller	34⅛	34⅛
Dart & Kraft	75¾	75
Deere	31⅞	32⅛
Delta Air	33⅝	33⅞
Detroit Edison	12	12
Disney	62⅝	63¾
Dow Chemical	32⅛	31¾
Dresser Ind	22⅞	22¾
Duke Power	23¼	23½
Du Pont	50½	50
Eastern Air	5½	5⅛
Eastman Kodak	60¾	61⅛
Eaton Corp	48⅝	49⅛
Esmark	43	44
Evans P. D.	5⅝	5⅛
Exxon Corp	42⅞	42⅝
Fed Dept Stores	48	47¾
Firestone	17⅜	17⅛
Fst Chicago	23¼	23¼
Fst Intrst Bncp	37	36⅝
Fst Penn Corp	5½	5⅝
Ford	36⅝	35⅝
GAF Corp	16⅝	16⅝
GTE Corp	38⅝	38¼
Gen Dynamics	50¾	50⅝
Gen Electric	55½	55⅛
Gen Foods	50	49½
Gen Mills	49¾	49
Gen Motors	66½	66⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	8⅛	7⅞
Gen Tire	32½	32⅛
Genesco	5⅝	6
Georgia Pacific	23½	23
Getty Oil	127½	127½
Gillette	48¾	48½
Goodrich	33⅝	34
Goodyear	26⅛	26⅛
Gould Inc	28⅝	28¼
Grace	41⅛	41⅛
Gt Atlntc & Pacific	15¼	15⅛
Greyhound	23½	23½
Grumman Corp	24	24⅛
Gulf Oil	79½	79⅞
Gulf & West	34¼	34⅛
Heinz H. J.	35½	35¾
Hercules	33⅝	34
Honeywell	57½	57⅛
IC Inds	42⅝	42⅛
Ingersoll	48⅛	48⅛
Inland Steel	25¼	25½
IBM	113¾	113⅛
Int Harvester	7⅛	7⅛
INCO	12⅞	13⅛
Int Paper	55⅛	54⅝
Int Tel Tel	37	37⅛
Irving Bank	58½	59
Jewel Co	44	44½
Jim Walter	27	26⅞
Johnson & John	37⅛	37
Kaiser Alumin	15⅝	16
Kerr McGee	33	34
Kimberly Clark	83⅛	82⅛
K Mart	29	29¼
Kroger	33½	33⅛
L.T.V. Corp	16⅛	16⅛
Litton	67⅛	67⅛
Lockheed	37¾	37⅛
Lucky Stores	16⅛	16⅛
Manuf Hanover	33⅞	34⅛
Manville Cp	10⅝	10½
Mapco	30⅛	29⅝
Marine Midland	22⅞	21⅛
Martin Marietta	34	33¼
McDonnell	49	49⅝
Mead	36½	36⅝
Merck	92	92
Minnesota Mng	75⅝	74⅝
Mobil Oil	31⅜	31⅛
Monsanto	93⅝	94
Morgan J. P.	69⅝	69⅞
Motorola	121⅛	118¾
NCR Corp	109½	108⅝
NL Industries	15½	15⅛
Nabisco	40¾	40½
Nat Distillers	26½	25⅞
Nat Med Ent	21⅛	20¾
Norfolk South	56	57⅛
NW Bancorp	23⅛	20⅛
Occidental Pet	31	30¾
Ogden	24⅞	25⅛
Olin Corp	27⅛	28
Owens-Illinois	36⅛	36½
Pacific Gas Elec	13⅛	13½
Pan Am	5⅝	5⅝
Penney J. C.	53⅛	52⅝
Pennzoil	37⅞	37⅛
Pepsico	40⅛	40⅛
Pfizer	33⅛	33⅞
Phelps Dodge	23⅛	24
Philip Morris	65	64
Phillips Petrol	41⅛	43⅛
Polaroid	28⅝	28⅛
PPG Ind	30⅛	30
Proctor Gamble	47½	47⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	22⅝	22⅝
Raytheon	38½	38⅝
RCA Corp	34	34½
Republic Steel	30½	30¼
Reynolds Ind	57⅛	56½
Reynolds Metal	31	32⅝
Rockwell Int	26⅛	26⅛
Royal Dutch	51⅛	51⅛
Safeways	23⅛	23⅛
St Regis Paper	37	39⅛
SFE Sopac	27⅝	23⅝
SCM	41⅝	41⅝
Schlumberger	54½	54⅛
Scott Paper	31	30⅝
Seagram	34⅝	34⅛
Sears Roebuck	34	33⅝
Shell Oil	58¼	58⅝
Shell Trans	36¼	37
Signal Co	32⅛	32½
Singer	27	26¾
Smithkline Beck	54⅛	54⅛
Sony	16⅛	16⅛
Sth Cal Edison	37½	37½
Sperry Corp	41⅛	40⅛
Std Oil Califnia	32⅝	33¼
Std Oil Indiana	56	58⅛
Std Oil Ohio	49	49⅛
Sterling Drug	26	28
Stevens J. P.	19⅛	18⅝
Sun Comp	58½	58⅝
Teledyne	155¾	155⅝
Tenneco	44⅛	44½
Texaco	40⅝	40⅝
Texas East Corp	69⅝	68⅝
Texas Inst	147½	142⅝
Texas Utilities	22½	22⅞
Textron	28⅝	28½
TWA	25¼	25⅞
Travelers Corp	33	32½
TRW Inc	64⅛	64
UAL Inc	33⅞	34⅛
Union Carbide	58⅛	58
Union Oil Calif	37½	38
Un Pacific Corp	48⅛	48
Uniroyal	12½	12½
United Brands	17⅛	18¼
US Industries	23⅛	23¼
US Steel	28⅛	29
Utd Technol	65⅝	69½
Wachovia	45½	45⅝
Warner Comms	20½	20⅛
Warner Lambert	31⅛	31⅞
Wells Fargo	37⅛	37⅛
Westnghse Elec	47⅛	47
Weyerhauser	26⅛	25¾
Whirlpool	41	39⅝
Woolworth	30⅛	31⅛
Xerox Corp	40½	40¼
Zenith	23⅛	23⅛

Canadian Prices

	Apr 30	Apr 27
Abitibi	26	25⅞
Alcan Alumin	36⅛	35½
Algoma Steel	26⅛	24⅞
Bell Telephone	30⅛	30⅛
Cominco	52⅛	53
Cons Bathurst	22⅛	25
Gulf Oil	15⅝	15⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	16⅛	16⅛
Hudson Bay Min	13½	13½
Imasco	35⅛	35½
Imperial Oil	38½	38⅝
Int Pipe	26⅛	26⅛
Mass.-Fergsn	4⅛	4⅛
Royal Trustco	25	25
Seagram	41⅝	41⅝
Steel Co	25⅛	25½
Thomson N 'A'	37⅞	37⅞
Walker Hiram	32⅝	32⅝
WCT	14	14

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LOFs to seek support for big cash injection

By Philip Robinson

London and Overseas Freighters is canvassing support to underwrite a substantial rights issue to prevent its principal bankers from withholding support.

Lofs lost £6m before tax for the first half of the year and predicted yesterday that the second half would show a further substantial loss despite improved freight rates.

The chairman, Mr Marcus Kulukundis, said at the halfway stage last December, that the company's bankers had provided support throughout the depression in the industry.

But the condition for the banks' continued support is the Lofs raise fresh money.

Mr Miles Kulukundis, the managing director, said yesterday that he had talked to some shareholders but declined to disclose their repones. M & G hold 10.37 per cent and Malaysian interests, through Leane Investments Coporation in Panama, hold 17.23 per cent.

Lofs total debts are slightly lower than the £42.5m shown in the last blanace sheet, but still represent more than 100 per cent of shareholders' funds.

The shares eased 3p to 15pp on the stock market yesterday. This is 10p below par value and means that any rights issue would accompany a captial reconstruction to reduce the par value of the shares.

French Kier up £1.9m

By Jeremy Warner

French Kier Holdings, the property and construction group, yesterday announced record pretax profits of £14.3m for 1983 against £12.4m in the previous year.

Mr John Mott, chairman, who is to relinquish his role as chief executive in favour of Mr Cedric Frettsome in November, said that in core areas of the group's activities there would be an increase in construction turnover in Europe in the current year. But this would be offset by a decline in construction activity in other overseas areas.

Discussions with the Iraqi authorities over the Baghdad-Abu Ghrai road contract, for which the group made a substantial provision in its 1982 accounts have continued but without a satisfactory resolution yet.

A final dividend of 4.15p is being recommended, raising the total for the year from 4.85p to 5.6p.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman of NatWest region

National Westminster Bank: **Mr John Leighton-Boyce** becomes chairman of the North Regional board, succeeding Sir William Mather on his retirement.

Laurie, Milbank & Co: Mr **Peter Durlacher** has joined the partnership.

Great Portland Estates: Mr **Sidney Buchman** has become a director.

National Freight Consortium: **Mr J. D. Mather** becomes chief executive from October 7; **Mr J. K. Watson**, finance director, becomes deputy chairman (finance), from January 1, 1985. Sir Peter Thompson steps down as chief executive to concentrate on his role as executive chairman.

Aston Martin Lagonda: Mr **Philip Harper** has been appointed manufacturing director.

Cazenove & Co: Mr **D. R. Brazier** and **Mr P. K. Donlea** have joined the partnership.

Stephenson Harwood: Mr **A. L. Sutch** and **Mr J. G. J. Copeland** have become partners.

Strike slows oil switch

Applications from industry for government aid to convert oil-fired heating plant to run on coal have virtually ceased since the miners' strike began.

Only two companies applied in March for aid under the coal conversion scheme. Six companies applied in February and, before the miners' dispute began, inquiries were averaging 18 a months.

Under the scheme the Government will meet up to half the cost of replacing expensive-to-run oil-fired plant by modern coal-fired equipment

Coal merchants have said that supplies to industrial users have hardly been affected by the strike.

However, longer-term uncertainties caused by the strike have led many companies to reassess plans to switch.

Cricket: Counties should accept the need to speed up play as ruling comes into effect

TCCB justified in curbing over indulgence of bowlers

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

At Lord's on Monday, in the match between Middlesex and Glamorgan, it was gone eight o'clock by the time play finished. This has caused some to say that the 117 overs now having to be bowled in a day in championship cricket are too many. Say it they can, but they'll not get much sympathy from here.

All that is being asked of the players is that when they are on field they should be able to average 18 overs an hour. If, to do so, they have to get a move on, so much the better. Until the game was taken over by faster bowlers, not so many years ago, anything less than 20 overs an hour was considered lackadaisical. In the first Test match played in England after the war, in 1946, 138 overs was the daily average.

To give Middlesex their due, it is unlike them to be dilatory. They have a well balanced attack, in which Emburey and Edmonds usually more than make up for any dawdling by Daniel and Cowans. On Monday, too, they claimed the extra half hour, which meant that 127 overs, not 117, were bowled in the day.

Last year, once the weather had settled down, it was as common as not for 117 overs to be bowled in a day, when the hours of play were from 11.0 o'clock until 6.30. At Taunton and Southampton last Saturday, when play also started at 11.0, it was only 6.45 when it finished. Whereas there had been 50 overs of spin at Southampton, at Taunton there had been only 17.

There is no need to think that the Test and County Cricket Board may have got it wrong. What they are expecting is perfectly reasonable and if, to meet requirements, some counties should have to ask a bowler or two to use shorter runs or bowl more overs of spin, there is no harm in that. Those who are going to be most inconvenienced are journalists, and I write as one of them, with early editions to catch, but that is a small matter. I would have gone for 120 overs in a day myself, that being a less obscure number than 117.

It is the umpires I am sorrier for, for they have to interpret all the new regulations. At Taunton on Monday, two of the old-timers, Alley and Jepson, took tea an over before they should have done and had to rely on the scorers to decide whether the last 20 overs should start at 5.0 o'clock (when 23 of the allotted number of overs remained to be bowled, but which is the time to be aimed for) or wait for three overs by when it would be getting on for 5.10.

Yet what they had to decide then was child's play compared, for example, with the John Player League on Sundays. How about this, if you are not a Regius Professor of Numerical Analysis (Yes, there is one anyway at Oxford)?

If, due to suspension of play, the number of overs in the innings of the side batting second has to be revised to a lesser number than that allotted to the side batting first (see 2B (III)(b), their target score, which they must exceed to win the match, shall be calculated by multiplying the revised number of overs by the average runs per over scored by the side batting first. If the target involves a fraction of a run, the final scores cannot be equal and the result cannot be a Tie."

TODAY'S CRICKET

11.0 start unless stated
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
CANTERBURY: Kent v Essex
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Derbyshire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Northamptonshire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Glamorgan
OTHER MATCHES:
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Sussex (11.30 to 6.30)
THE PARK'S: Oxford University v Somerset (11.30 to 6.30)
Second XI Championship
Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire; Caythorpe: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan.

The awkward left hand of England

I'm not saying that Phil Edmonds is a particularly competitive guy, but on the other hand, how many cricketers appeal every time the ball passes the bat? I mean, in the nets?

Edmonds, a left-arm spinner with Middlesex and sometimes with England, has managed to reserve for himself the title of the most awkward person in cricket (and the competition is not negligible). When I asked how it all happened, he showed complete bewilderment. For in fact Phil Edmonds is the nicest guy in the world – I know, because he told me so himself.

But last summer you could the relieved sighs of the cricketing establishment being heaved the length and breadth of the country when Nick Cook turned in such excellent bowling figures after a back injury hgad forced Edmonds out of the England side. Thank God, they all thought. Now we won't have to take Edmonds on tour.

In fact, trying to put together an England side or touring party without bringing in the stately, upright left-arm spin of Edmonds has been a conundrum that has vexed the minds of the mighty for years. The Australian touring party that contained three off-spinners might have been deliberately selected to ram home the apparent official point of view: if you can tweak the ball a bit and your name isn't Philippe Henri Edmonds, you're in with a chance.

'I'd quite like to embarrass them into picking me again'

Last summer Edmonds forced himself back into the England side by taking bags of wickets in June. "I'd quite like to embarrass the blighters into picking me again," he says. "I mean, the only top-rate spinners in the country are me and Embers." And John Embrey, Edmond's Middlesex colleague, is still unavailable for England selection after going to South Africa.

It is the Edmond's attitude that gets the blame. "Easy to get a reputation. Impossible to lose it. I just have to make a *suggestion* these days, and it is interpreted as being antagonistic." The reputation for awkwardness is not a new one: he acquired the dressing-room nickname of Maggie when Mrs Thatcher was Leader of the Opposition.

"It's amazing how I've acquired the reputation of being the one they want to leave out. I wonder how it all happened..." Well, his relationship with the Middlesex and England captain, Mike Brearley, was not exactly irrelevant.

"I got on the wrong side of Brears. I'm the sort of guy who needs a man's man to hit me on the head when I step out of line. But Brearley was too namby pamby, schoolmasterly. He has this need to dominate the dressing-room intellectually – in the same way that Ian Botham needs to dominate a dressing-room physically. And I did'nt knuckle under to Brierley. Maybe I should have done.



Twelve o'clock high: Edmonds winds up against Glamorgan. (Photograph: Ian Stewart.)

Edmonds was at one stage the vice-captain of Middlesex and the likely successor to Brearley. It did'nt work out quite like that. "Brearley manipulated for two years to get me out of the vice-captain's job." Mike Gatting got the captain's job, a cricketer who, Edmonds believes, would play much better for England without the inhibiting presence of Botham- ... though Edmonds also says he is a Botham fan and mate.

Edmonds is not wholly complimentary about today's crop of Test match cricketers: "We have a mediocre Test side and the reason is that selectors have consistently gone for malleable mediocrity. Test match cricket today is born out of terror, the terror of losing."

He believes a Test side should have two, yes two, spinners and three seamers (one bowler being an all-rounder), five specialist batsmen and a glove-man. "I felt for Cooky last winter, a spin bowler on a tour dominated by terror that the batting would fail. Packing a side with batters doesn't help.

'I've got no time for the kind of cricket that is born in fear'

Edmonds has a terrific knack for getting on the wrong side of important people. There was that wigging from Peter May after he was reported for his "sledging" of Vengsarkar ("All I said was 'Never mind, Dilip, it's only a Test match' "), and then that ludicrous pair of bouncers *he bowled at Hadlee* last summer, final proof for many that Edmonds could never be properly trusted to be a sensible Test match cricketer. "There's too much seriousness in cricket," Edmonds said.

Now, he says, his problem is motivation. Trying to force the blighters to pick him may not be spur enough, he fears, as rising business interests get in the way. He is 33 and this season could be the last. "I'm frustrated that I have not fulfilled my potential as a cricketer." The constant frustrations of *being the official* awkward guy of English cricket have got to him.

"If fact, the truth is, it has all made me very arrogant. No, actually, that's not true. I've always been very arrogant. I have become embittered. But I still have a lot of time for the old traditions of cricket. Play up and play the game – that is the only way to play cricket. I've got no time for the kind of cricket that is born in fear."

Simon Barnes

Middlesex victory has familiar ring

By Marcus Williams

LORD'S: Middlesex (24pts) beat Glamorgan (3) by ten wickets.

Resistance by the Glamorgan tail, who added a further 68 runs yesterday, kept Middlesex waiting until a quarter of an hour before *lunch for their now* customary victory in county championship matches between the sides.

Middlesex, who are widely fancied to take the title this season, have won 11 matches against Glamorgan in succession (*pace Wisden*), the previous four at Lord's by an innings and not since their championship year of 1969 have Glamorgan tasted success. In a total of 61 encounters since the counties first met in 1931, Glamorgan have won only five times.

Glamorgan began the day 49 runs short of making Middlesex bat again and with only three wickets in hand. Steele, who fought his way through many a crisis with his former county, Leicestershire, seemed likely to offer the main resistance and it was a bonus for Middlesex that in the second over of the day they ran him out for the second time in the match for 33.

Steele had turned Daniel to long leg, backed himself to run a second against Cowans's powerful arm, and lost. To complete the statistical symmetry he batted for two hours and a half in each innings.

Davis, the West Indies Test bowler with the Welsh name, again enjoyed himself, producing several long hits to the outfield including a pull for six off Cowans into the top of the Grandstand. Selvey defied his former colleague while 40 runs were *added in eight overs* for the ninth wicket before he was trapped plumb in front trying to turn Daniel on the leg side.

Six runs were still needed to make Middlesex bat again and those, and more, were duly achieved by Davis and Barwick until the latter became Slack's third victim of the innings at short leg.

Daniel, who had deleivered eight no-balls in his spell of eight overs, was the bowler, and Davis was left undefeatd on 41, his highest score in county cricket, although he has made more for Windward Islands.

Barlow and Slack needed only 21 balls to achieve the 20 runs for victory, which came with a leg-bye run to the wicketkeeper and made Middlesex the first team under the new sponsorship of Britannic Assurance to record the maximum 24 points.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 373 for 7 dec (C T Radley 128 not out, M W Gatting 56, P R Downton 52)

Second Innings

G D Barlow not out	8
W N Slack not out	6
Extras (b 4, l-b 2)	6
Total (no wkt)	20

*M W Gatting, R O Butcher, C T Radley, J E Emburey, P H Edmonds, †P R Downton, N F Williams, N G Cowans and W W Daniel did not bat

BOWLING: Davis 2-0-4-0; Thomas 1 3-0-10-0

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 174.

Second Innings

J A Hopkins c Slack b Cowans	34
A L Jones b Cowans	24
R C Ontong b Cowans	5
Younis Ahmed run out	6
S P Henderson c Slack b Cowans	0
J F Steele run out	33
†T Davies c Downton b Gatting	3
J G Thomas c Radley b Emburey	27
W W Davis not out	41
*M W W Selvey l-b-w b Daniel	17
S R Barwick c Slack b Daniel	12
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, w 2, n-b 8)	16
Total	218

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–64, 2–71, 3–77, 4–77, 5–78, 6–81, 7–132, 8–153, 9–193, 10–218.

BOWLING: Daniel 17–1–65–2; Williams 12–3–30–0; Cowans 16–2–48–4; Emburey 15–6–23–1; Gatting 13–6–17–1; Edmonds 12–8–19–0.

Umpires: B J Meyer and D R Shepherd

Border stops a rout

Kingston (Reuter) – Although the West Indies acquired a lead of only 106 over Australia on the first innings, they were in sight of victory in the fifth Testmatch at the close of the third day's play at Sabina Park on Monday. Yesterday was a rest day.

Australia, in their second innings, were reduced to 135 for seven, with Marshall taking five wickets for 34.

Garner, too, was hostile, although he captured only one wicket, breaking the opening partnership.

Border, who came in then, stayed until the end of the the day. He was unbeaten with 55 having played with unflinching courage to pass the 50-mark for the fifth time in the series. He survived twice at 43 when he was missed in the slips, off Garner and Marshall.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 199 (M D Marshall 3 for 37, J Garner 3 for 42).

Second innings

W Phillips, B Garner	2
G Matthews, b Holding	7
A Border, not out	55
G Ritchie, b Holding	8
K Hughes, c Greenidge, b Marshall	23
D Hookes, c Dujon, b Marshall	7
T Hogan, b Marshall	10
G Lawson, b Marshall	4
R Hogg, not out	0
Extras (b 13, l-b 2, n-b 4)	19
Total (7 wkts)	135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–7, 2–15, 3–27, 4–89, 5–109, 6–125, 7–131.

BOWLING: Marshall, 19–3–35–4; Garner, 13–5–25–1; Holding, 11–4–20–2; Baptiste, 6–3–11–0; Harper, 9–2–25–0; Richards, 2–0–4–0.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C G Greenidge, c Ritchie, b Hogan	127
D L Haynes, b Hogan	60
R B Richardson, c Phillips, b Lawson	0
I V A Richards, run out	2
*C H Lloyd, c Phillips, b Lawson	20
†P J Dujon, c Phillips, b Maguire	23
M D Marshall, c Hookes, b Maguire	19
E A E Baptiste, c Lawson, b Maguire	27
R A Harper, c Phillips, b Maguire	8
J Garner, c Phillips, b Lawson	7
M A Holding, not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 11, n-b 8)	20
Total	305

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–162, 2–169, 3–174, 4–213, 5–228, 6–260, 7–274, 8–274, 9–297

BOWLING: Lawson, 30–8–91–3; Hogg, 16–2–67–0; Hogan, 30–8–68–2; Maguire, 16.4–2–57–4; Matthews, 2–0–10–0.

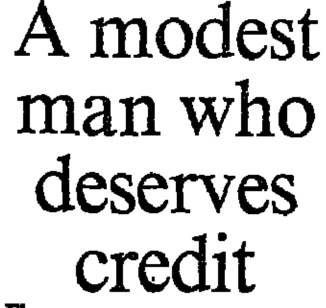
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CRICKET

Roberts's debut 80 is all in vain

By Richard Streeton

CHESTERFIELD: Leicestershire (23 pts) beat Derbyshire (6) by 11 runs.

Forceful stroke play by Bruce Roberts, who made an exhilarating 80 at number eight on his championship debut, took Derbyshire close to victory in a thrilling finish. After Willey allowed his side a further 35 minutes batting, Derbyshire's target was 333 in 315 minutes or, more relevantly this year, in a minimum of 100 overs.

For a long time Derbyshire kept on the right course until a repetition of Monday's middle order slump seemed to have dashed their hopes. Roberts, with crucial support from Finney, Newman and Taylor then took charge. He put enormous force into a series of orthodox drives and scored freely on both sides of the wicket.

When Roberts was out, Derbyshire still needed 16 and the task was too much for Taylor and Mortensen. Roberts, fair-haired and bespectacled, is 22 later this month and has the bulkiness of an Eddie Barlow. He was born in Zambia to an English mother, brought up in Zimbabwe and for three years has been in Derbyshire's second team.

Agnew and Parsons were again the main destroyers for Leicestershire, keeping a better line and getting more bounce before they tired than their opposite numbers had managed for Derbyshire.

Barnett soon played on against Agnew but Anderson and Hill settled down to add 106 in 38 overs. Both kept the rising ball down well and played the slow bowlers soundly from the back foot. Hill was the more positive, but was the first of four wickets to fall in 20 minutes when he drove a catch to cover.

Hampshire was caught down the leg side in Parsons's next over and then Agnew had Miller leg before with a ball that kept low and Fowler held in the slips. By tea Anderson, too, had gone, splendidly caught by Willey in the gully. Anderson gave one chance when he was on three but otherwise he looked safe through 59 overs.

Finney and Roberts batted with vigour and confidence as they added 66 in 16 overs to start the late fight back. Finney then swotted against a long hop with a flat bat and was caught at cover. Derbyshire needed 49 when the final 20 overs began.

First, Parsons, then Agnew, were severely punished by Roberts. Willey was unable to contain him at the other end and Cook returned and had Newman caught at silly point. Roberts was out when he missed an intended pull and his 80 included 15 4s.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 297 (P Willey 102, D I Gower 70, G Miller 4 for 32)

Second Innings

J C Balderstone c Barnett b Mortensen	33
I P Butcher c Roberts b Mortensen	130
P Willey lb-w b Miller	19
N E Briers c Anderson b Miller	27
M D Hayman not out	20
†M A Garnham not out	11
Extras (b 6, l-b 2, n-b 1)	9
Total (4 wkts dec)	249

*D I Gower, G J Parsons, N G B Cook, J P Agnew and L B Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–63, 2–124, 3–205, 4–217.

BOWLING: Newman 17–0–76–0; Mortensen 13–2–40–2; Finney 6–1–28–0; Miller 29–14–43–2; Roberts 15–3–42–0; Fowler 5–1–13–0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 214 (K J Barnett 114)

Second Innings

*K J Barnett b Agnew	14
I S Anderson c Willey b Taylor	79
A Hill c Haysman b Parsons	53
J H Hampshire c Garnham b Parsons	4
G Miller lbw b Agnew	0
W P Fowler c Haysman b Agnew	1
R J Finney c sub b Parsons	49
B Roberts lbw b Agnew	80
P G Newman c Haysman b Cook	10
†R W Taylor not out	7
O H Mortensen lbw b Agnew	2
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, n-b 16)	22
Total	321

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–28, 2–134, 3–148, 4–150, 5–152, 6–190, 7–258, 8–309, 9–317, 10–321.

BOWLING: Agnew 27.3-8-100-5; Taylor 18-6-43-1; Cook 20-4-58-1; Parsons 14-3-54-3; Willey 12-1-87-0; Balderstone 1-0-7-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and B Leadbetter.

Carr shines in defeat

THE PARKS: Lancashire beat Oxford University by an innings and 115 runs

A maiden first-class hundred by John Carr, son of the Test and County Cricket Board secretary and former England captain Donald Carr, failed to save Oxford University yesterday. Carr, whose best score before this season was 18, came in a no 6 and took just 160 minutes to reach three-figures before being dismissed for 123. His innings included 19 fours.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 90 (P J W Allott 4 for 21)

Second Innings

A J T Miller b Hughes	7
R M Edbrooke b O'Shaughnessy	58
G J Toogood c sub b Hughes	0
J G Franks c Abrahams b Hughes	4
D A Thorne c Hughes b Abrahams	10
J D Carr c Zaidi b Jefferies	123
†M R Cullinan b Allott	13
*K A Hayes b O'Shaughnessy	37
S G P Hewitt not out	16
M P Lawrence c Zaidi b Jefferies	3
J Brettell l-b-w b Jefferies	0
Extras (b 7, l-b 2, w 5, n-b 5)	19
Total	290

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–25, 2–93, 3–61, 4–75, 5–110, 6–142, 7–238, 8–276, 9–286, 10–290.

BOWLING: Allott 24–6–88–1; Jefferies 12.3–8–13–3; Hughes 29–1–42–3; O'Shaughnessy 27–6–69–2; Zaidi 13–3–34–0; Abrahams 20–9–26–1.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 495 for 7 dec (J Abrahams 123, D P Hughes 105, S T Jefferies 65, P J W Allott 50 not out, J A Ormrod 50; J D Carr 5 for 155).

Umpires: M D Heath and A G T Whitehead.

Gower doubtful

David Gower, who has an infection from a cut hand, is unlikely to be fit to lead Leicestershire in their county championship match against Nottingham at Trent Bridge today.

Gower was named in the Leicestershire 12 yesterday while confined to his hotel room in Chesterfield.

Record score

Bootle achieved a record total of 433 for six off 45 overs against Woodley in the national club championship, sponsored by William Younger. The total bettered the previous highest of 364 by Bowdon in 1981. In reply Woodley were bowled out for 162. The first three Bootle batsmen, Nickolson, Manning and Cockbain shared 26 sixes between them.

FOOTBALL: PROBLEMS FOR ENGLAND SENIORS BUT UNDER-21s STAND ON VERGE OF EUROPEAN FINAL

Wind of change blows again as injuries leave Robson short

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

England's side remains as settled as a dandelion trapped in a wind tunnel. Bobby Robson's teamsheet for the final British Championship fixture against Wales in Wrexham tonight shows another five changes. That brings his total of alterations in this season's six internationals so far to the alarming figure of 30.

Injuries are partly to blame as usual for the continuing chaos. Eight possibilities have already been ruled out and Francis is suffering from a swollen calf and Kennedy is not yet certain to start. But there also seems so little consistently in Robson's choices that it would be difficult to tell whether England were at full strength or not.

The lone newcomer is Wright. Two years ago he was in the third division with Oxford United and Robson admits that even last year Wright was still "a boy". The only member of the touring party not to be picked against Australia last summer, Southampton's youngster was forced by injury to withdraw from the last two squads.

His defensive colleagues are notably inexperienced. The back four have, between em, appeared on only 14 previous occasions, apart from Wilkins who regains the captaincy in the absence of Bryan Robson, the midfield is almost as fresh. Of the 19 caps gained by Lee, Gregory and Armstrong, four were collected in Australia.

The front two are at least no strangers to each other. Francis and Woodcock who have claimed only one goal in their last four and a half hours together, were once colleagues at Nottingham Forest. But Francis is considered so doubtful that Robson has summoned Lineker of Leicester City, to become the fourth reserve to join the party.

England's manager would not care to reveal whether Walsh or Blissett, two others to be called up belatedly, would be the replacement for Francis. Woodcock has never before combined with Walsh and only once with Blissett against Luxembourg 18 months ago when they scored four of the nine goals.

Wales, themselves, are to introduce a pair of new faces. Hughes, of Manchester United, joins a line-up that is overloaded with adventure and Phillips, of Plymouth Aryle is included amid a defence that looks equally meagre. It could scarcely be clearer in which direction Mike England will ask his side to go.

Both Northern Ireland and Wales were deeply hurt by the opinion that they were so inferior that their company was no longer required by England and Scotland. The Irish with more accuracy and fortune, would have proved their point at Wembley a month ago and the Welsh are determined to follow their example.

Although they have beaten England 13 times in 96 attempts and only thrice since the war, they could well succeed tonight. The last time the two countries met in Wrexham, a month before the European Championship began in Italy four years ago, they won by the emphatic margin of 4-1.

Wales will not be short of firepower tonight and, in Rush, they are armed with the most dangerous marksman in Britain. Curiously enough had the ambulance carrying his mother turned left towards Chester instead of right towards St Asaph some 23 years ago he would be eligible to play for England. If so he would now probably be injured.

Wales	England
N Southall (Everton)	P Shilton (Southampton)
D Phillips (Plymouth)	M Duxbury (Man United)
J Hopkins (Fulham)	A Kennedy (Liverpool)
K Ratcliffe (Everton)	S Lee (Liverpool)
J Jones (Chelsea)	A Martin (West Ham)
A Davies (Man United)	M Wright (Southampton)
R James (Stoke)	J Gregory (QPR)
G Davies (Fulham)	R Wilkins (Man United)
M Thomas (Chelsea)	A Woodcock (Arsenal)
I Rush (Liverpool)	T Francis (Sampdoria)
M Hughes (Man United)	D Armstrong (Southampton)

Wright: England's only newcomer in at last

A modest man who deserves credit

Florence

It takes all sorts to be a sucessful manager. They range from the headmaster type to the matey, from the bully to the charmer and somewhere in the midst there is Dave Sexton. It is difficult to pigeonhole him. He is quiet but not uncommunicative: he is gentle but not soft. The players, almost to a man, respect him as much as the "headmasters" and like him a lot more.

But whatever his character he is, above all, successful. Sexton is the most successful manager of an England team since Alf Ramsey. However, since his duties have been at under-21 level, he has not gained the recognition he deserves and in League management he is remembered, unfairly, more for his failures than successes.

The remarkable achievements at Chelsea, with the gifted but difficult class of 70 and 71 (FA Cup and Cup Winners' Cup winners) are somehow misted over by the years that followed at Queen's Park Rangers, who lost the 1975-76 championship by a point to Liverpool, and Manchester United, who lost the 1979-80 championship, again to Liverpool, by two points as they look like doing again this season under Sexton's flamboyant successor, Ron Atkinson.

It is typical of Sexton that he should look back upon the reception he and United received from the people of Manchester upon losing the 1979 FA Cup final as one of his most memorable experiences.

Whatever seeds Sexton sowed subsequently at Coventry have been blown away by the necessity of financial sales and the upheaval of two new managers. But with England at least the blossoming talent may wither but cannot move away. The years of cultivation must leave a fertile soil. Sexton has worked it with great tenderness since he took over his present position in 1977 under Ron Greenwood and it has produced an impressive yield.

In Florence today, with his newest starlets, he contests his third semi-final in European under-21 championships, of which England are also the holders. The senior achievement in the same period does not bear scrutiny. The modest Sexton would not thank me for drawing comparisons. "There is more pressure on the seniors. Microscopic attention," he said. "You've got to have a bit of luck anyway. We had it in the second leg of the 1982 semi-final when we let a 4-1 aggregate lead slip to 4-3 and then conceded a penalty in the last minute which Hesford saved." He added: "We don't have a divine right to win anything, especially with standards rising."

As long as the England team took second place to English clubs with their heavy programme of matches he believed success at international level would be difficult to attain. "We need time to work on our technique at all levels. Players coming back from abroad have definitely improved themselves, particularly with regards to dealing with man-to-man marking. Francis is now a better player than he was during the Australian tour," he said.

Sexton favours wingers, but only ones with what he describes as "a sense of responsibility." Coppell and Littbarski were two examples. "They've got to know when to tuck inside at work and when to go wide and attack, as Liverpool do." He disagrees with people who say that you need to have them in the modern game and cited the example of Liverpool. "It depends on the players you have and I believe there are as many talented players coming through now as there were in 1966 when we had no wingers. All we need is to get a winning run going

The natural progresssion for Sexton if he stays in the national set-up would be to become eventually the full England manager.

Clive White



Sexton: remembered more for failures than successes

Thomas must take his chance

From Clive White
Florence

Danny Thomas, the young Tottenham Hotspur full back, has had some jolting experiences this season. Having arrived expensively from Coventry City he found himself relegated to the reserves at White Hart Lane. Now he stands on the threshold of two European finals, that of the UEFA Cup and the European under-21 championship.

With the withdrawal of Sterland from the England under-21 team to play Italy here today in the second leg semi-final, he has the opportunity to force himslf into the reckoning. "I'm not kidding myself about this call-up," he said. "I know I'm second choice. I've learned after my disastrous start at Tottenham to make the most of everything that comes your way. And that's what I intend to do."

It will be difficult, though, for him to replace Sterland in the mind of Dave Sexton, the manager. The buccaneering Sterland is seen as ready for early promotion to the seniors. In his team selection here yesterday Sexton put his faith in "the players who have got us there." That means there is no place for Brock, of Oxford United, save the substitutes' bench, after his startling debut in the first leg when he was an influence on all the goals which gave England their strong 3-1 lead.

Sexton believes that England will qualify "with a struggle." After the progress made by Italian clubs in the home legs of European cometition last week England are on their guard against their opponents' improvement. A crowd of 25,000 is expected here in the Stadium Communale so the England players should not experience the same nerve-racking problems that British teams had in the furnaces of Turin and Rome last week. The Italians have made four changes from the side who started at Maine Road, where even in defeat they showed good, attacking awareness.

The only ever-present for the last two years of the competition has been Bracewell, whom Sexton describes as "one of our unsung heroes in midfield".

ENGLAND: G Bailey (Man Utd); D Thomas (Tottenham), D Watson (Norwich), T Caton (Arsenal), N Pickering (Sunderland), P Bracewell (Sunderland), S Hodge (Nottingham Forest), N Callaghan (Watford), B Stein (Luton), M Hateley (Portsmouth), D Wallace (Southampton). Substitutes: A Williams (Man City), G Stevens (Tottenham), I Dawes (Queen's Park Rangers), S McMahon (Aston Villa), K Brock (Oxford United).

Start of long road to Mexico

Nicosia (Reuter) – Cyprus meet Austria today in the first qualifying match for the 1986 world football cup finals. Erich Hof, Austrian team manager, realizes the dangers in the opening European group five qualifier. The Austrians, finalists in 1978 and 1982, must get off to a good start in view of the hard games ahead against Hungary and The Netherlands.

After two disappointing warm-up games which ended in a goalless draw with Greece and a 1-0 defeat by France, Hof has dropped De Georgi, a defender, Gasselich and Baumeister, midfield players, and Pacult, a forward, and brought back Hans Pregesbauer, Heribert Weber and Toni Polster, once regarded as the new Hans Krankl.

Hof clearly fears Cyprus's ability to raise their game as they did last year when they held Italy, the world champions, to a 1-1 draw in the European championship.

Cyprus are expected to depend heavily on Andreas Constandinou, their brilliant goalkeeper, who was the hero of the Italy match. His greatest danger is likely to come from Richard Miederbacker, Europe's leading scorer, who has hit 25 goals in the Belgian league this season for Beveren.

While Cyprus have little hope of filling one of the 24 finals places – Mexico, the hosts, and Italy, the holders, qualify automatically – Austria must have a good chance of making the journey from Europe.

Twelve European and four South American nations will certainly qualify for the finals, with the most competitive qualifying groups likely to be in Europe, particularly groups one, five and seven.

Southend grab a lifeline

Southend United's relegation problems were eased by a 3-1 home victory against Newport County on Monday. May headed their first goal after 20 minutes and Whymark scored the second three minutes later. Six minutes after the break Kellock, increased Southend's lead with a 30-yard free-kick. Newport's goal came two minutes from the end through Pratt.

Aberdeen require only one point from tonight's match with Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle to win the Scottish premier division. A goal by Hewitt 10 minutes from the end of Monday's home game against St Johnstome was enough to secure victory. Aberdeen's rivals, **Dundee United**, won at Tannadice.

The former Welsh international goalkeeper, Dai Davies, is to retire from football at the end of the current season, to concentrate on a new business venture.

Courtney picked for semi-final

Berne (Reuter) – The European Footbal Union (UEFA) yesterday named Paolo Bergamo of Italy, and George Courtney, of England, as the referees for the semi-final matches of the European Championship in France in June.

Bergamo will be in charge of the game between the winners of group one and the group two runners-up, in Marseilles on June 23. Courtney will handle the match between the group two winners and group one runners-up, in Lyons on June 24.

The referee for the final in Paris on June 27 will be chosen only when the two finalists are known.

Americans prefer the indoor game

Washington, (AFP) – The North American Soccer League (NASL) kicks off for the eighteenth time on Saturday, with the future of this multi-million dollar, imported sport, hanging in the balance.

The figures are eloquent. In 1980 a total of 24 American and Canadian teams battled it out for the title. This year only nine remain.

It has been all downhill since the early 1970s when the appearance of an aging Pele in the colours of New York Cosmos sparked off what many saw as the soccer era in the United States.

Certainly there have been successes. There are now more than two million youngsters regularly playing the game and the national side is shortly to take part in the Olympic Games before moving on to compete in the World Cup qualifying tournament.

After an initial honeymoon period the American public have not warmed to the world's most popular team sport, preferring instead their own pastimes of American football, baseball and basketball.

Financially it has been a disaster with the entire NASL League ending last season in the red.

In reply, NASL for the first time, has drawn up a long-term financial programme to encourage clubs to live according to their means.

The players were the first to feel the pinch, having to accept salary cuts amounting to a total of $1.3m for the entire league. The NASL president, Howard Samuels said: "We were acting a like a first division sport with third division revenues. We have now learned our lessons."

If the classic version of football is struggling, the same cannot be said for indoor soccer which the Americans have adopted and adapted. According to the San Diego Sockers owner, Bob Dell, this is because indoor soccer has been "sold" more effectively to the public. It is also closer to the American idea of sport being faster, more spectacular, with more goals and as it is played in an ice hockey sized hall, there is more contact between players and spectators.

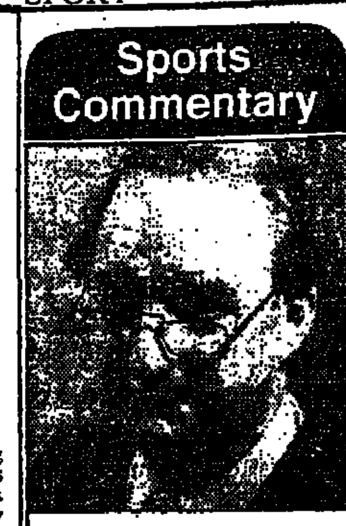
NASL, which also organizes indoor matches during the winter close season and its indoor equivalent MISL (Major Indoor Soccer League) have so far shared out the market. The trend was shown by the fact that next winter NASL will organize 40 indoor matches compared to 32 last winter, while this summer there will be only 24 games compared to 30 last summer.

The MISL president, Earl Foreman said: "The future of soccer in this country depends 80 per cent on the indoor version. It's useless asking why only the Americans do not like outdoor football. They just don't. They like playing it but not watching," he said.

The development of football here has also been hit by television's lack of interest since the halcyon days of Pele when ABC televised all the Cosmos games. "Overall, the viewing figures for soccer is poor," a CBS spokesman said.

The nine clubs to have survived the deluge are New York Cosmos, Chicago Stings, Tampa Bay Rowdies, Toronto Blizzard, Vancouver Whitecaps, Golden Bay Earthquakes, San Diego Sockers, Minnesota Strikes and Tulsa Roughnecks. Tulsa are the title-holders.

Sports Commentary



David Miller

When George Best was in his uncontrollable prime he once took on half the West Bromwich defence singlehanded at Old Trafford, dribbled past them all while moving *out* of the penalty area, then in one movement turned on a single stud and from 25 yards shot past an unbelieving goalkeeper. "What minute was that?" inquired some unresponsive journalist. "Never mind the time," reflected a colleague, "just make a note of the date."

Graham Taylor, whose achievement in taking Watford from the fourth division to second in the League championship last season, and now to Wembley, is in its way as remarkable as Best's sublime skills, is well aware of the journalist's preoccupation with the timing of goals, which can be a matter of pendantic argument: he spent many hours in the press box at Scunthorpe under the benevolent eye of his journalistic father, which gave him an insight into the fascination of the game for those watching rather than playing.

Talking in his gesticulating, quietly passionate way almost without drawing a breath for an hour at a sport writer's lunch yesterday, Taylor revealed that the reason he recently signed a six-year contract with Watford was not a matter of ego, nor necessarily a belief that the small club can win a major trophy to reward his and Elton John's visionary campaign. It was, he said, because he wanted to have people with whom to share his peak and pitfalls, which he thinks he might not have found a somewhere such as Highbury or White Hart Lane. He signed a contract with a family as much as a football club.

Not so powerful or pacy as last year

Elton John has spent over a million on his hobby – none of it in the last two years – and four-fifths of that went on the still modest stadium, improving facilities for the community. Yet though Taylor believes that his team, with an average age not much more than 20, could win the League in the next six years, he is not optimistic about the game; he knows it has lost its once unchallengeable spectator appeal and that if Watford had not reached Wembley their average crowd would be down from 19,000 to perhaps 13,000.

"The team is not as powerful or pacy as last year," he said, "but if they are not destroyed by, optimistically, winning at Wembley, they can become a good side. Bardsley, Sinnot, Johnson, Jackett, Barnes (who is one of the best players in the England squad) and Callaghan (who is the best crosser of the ball in the first division) won't fully develop for a couple of years, but the problem is whether we can keep them at Watford against the temptation of the wages elsewhere and freedom of contract. We have to rely on our youth policy."

Taylor has increasingly tried to stay out of the controversy over Watford's direct style of play and its links with the Wolves of Cullis 30 years ago. He claims that most of those who have criticized his management of the England youth team never saw them play. He does not want to give fuel to critics of Bobby Robson's tactics, while he is content to let Watford's football speak for itself.

Riled by referee's public jurisdiction

He is less content with the sending-off which will keep Wilf Rostrom, his captain, out of the Cup Final. What riles him is the attempt by the referee, Roger Milford, subsequently to justify the action in which Rostrom went off with Paul Elliott, of Luton, who had been previously booked in the match.

"I would not have spoken out but for the referee's own public comments. In my opinion, he is actually one of the better referees, but for him to claim he is not judge and jury on the player is sanctimonious. That is precisely what he is, because there is no appeal.

"I believe in accepting the FA disciplinary system, in accepting the referees' decisions, but I would respect him more if he would say he might have made a mistake. And when three consecutive captains miss the final, are we sure this is the best disciplinary system? Might it be fairer to have Uefa's system of suspension in the relevant competition?"

It is a pity that rational professionals like Taylor and Howard Kendall, the rival who will walk out alongside him at Wembley, do not have more influence in the administration of the game.

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

MONTE NARANCO: Tour of Spain, 14th stage (12km time-trial):1, J Gorospe (Sp) 22min 18sec; 2, E Cartoux (Fr) 40 seconds behind; 3, A Fernandez (Sp) 45. Overall: 1, Cartoux 68hr 33min 6sec; 2, Fernadez 37 seconds behind; 3, Delgado (Sp) 1.34.
DUBLIN: Tour of Ireland, first stage (104 miles): 1, S Joughin, 4hr 1min; 2, P Thomas, 3, K Heine (WG); 4, M Gornall; 5, A McCormack; 6, I Binder, all same time. Team: 1, Falcon 12hr 1min 21sec.
FRANKFURT: Grand Prix (242km): 1, P Anderson (Aus), 6hr 5min 9sec; 2, E Vanderaerden (Bel); 3, S Kelly (Ire), both 20sec behind.
LUXEMBOURG: Francois Faber Grand Prix Road Race (584km): 1, B Olsen (Den) 14hr 54min 22sec; 2, B Soerensen (Den) 1min 59sec behind; 3, J Dedersen (Den) 2:22.

GOLF

US TOUR EARNINGS (all US$): 1, F Couples, $254,728 (some £182,000); 2, T Watson, $212,468; 3, G Koch, $211,911; 4, B Crenshaw, $201,284; 5, J Renner, $186,364; 6, A Bean, $183,919; 7, G Morgan, $179,887; 8, T Kite, $173,929; 9, C Pavin, $170,795; 10, B Lietzke, $163,800. British positions: 11, N Faldo, $144,705; 117, S Lyle, $15,532.
LPGA EARNINGS (US unless stated): 1, P Bradley, $109,100; 2, B King, $99,680; 3, P Sheehan, $73,052; 4, J Inkster, $67,828; 5, A Miller, $67,533; 6, A Okamoto (Jap), $57,664; 7, N Lopez, $57,078; 8, C Johnson, $56,707; 9, J Carner, $46,093; 10, L Rinker, $40,789.

ATHLETICS

SPLIT: Women's international meeting: 100 metres: 1, C Richstahl (EG), 11.34 sec; 3, J Andrews (GB) 11.59. 200m: 1, K Emmelmann (EG), 22.78; 3, H Barnet (GB), 23.40. Long jump: 1, S Hearnshaw (GB), 6.75m; 2, R Radtke (EG), 6.61; 3, M Weser (EG), 6.38.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 5, New York Yankees 3; Baltimore Orioles 8, Cleveland Indians 3; California Angels 8, Seattle Mariners 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Montreal Expos 5, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 1, San Francisco Giants 0

BASKETBALL

LUXEMBOURG: Men's European championship qualifying tournament: Bulgaria 85, Algeria 50; Cyprus 73, Luxembourg 68; Austria 85, Wales 37.

HOCKEY

WEST BERLIN: Men's International Tournament: India 2, West Germany 1; Australia 2, Netherlands 2. Final positions: 1, Australia, 5 pts; 2, India, 4; 3, West Germany, 2; 4, Netherlands, 1.

TENNIS

RABAT: Olympique Morocaine tournament: Quarter-finals: Y Noah (Fr) bt G Urpi (Sp), 4-6, 6-1, 12-10; G Vilas (Arg) bt P Arraya (Peru), 6-4, 6-2; J Higueras (Sp) bt D Perez (Ur), 6-3, 6-2; A Gomez (Ec) bt C Arguello (Arg), 6-4, 6-0.
JOHANNESBURG: South African women's open: First round: A Jaeger (US) bt J Salmon (US), 6-1, 6-0; R Uys (SA) bt J Hepner (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Schillig (US) bt A M Fernandez (US), 6-4, 6-1; A White (US) bt S Acker, 6-3 7-5; A Hendricksen (US), M L Piatek (US), 7-6, 7-5; T Mochizuki (US) bt H Ludloff (US), 6-2, 6-1, R Mentz (SA) bt G Fernandez (Puerto Rico), 6-2, 7-5; A Leand (US) bt P Teeguarden (US), 6-4 7-6.

FOOTBALL

UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying match, group five: Cyprus 1, Austria 1.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Luxembourg 0, Norway 2.
PORTUGUESE CUP: Final: Porto 4, Rio Ave 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham 3, Queen's Park Rangers 1; Brighton 1, Southampton 2; Millwall 1, Chelsea 4.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROME: Piazza di Sienna international event, speed competition: 1, Jethro, M della Casa (It), 0 faults, 55.61 sec; 2, Ard Na Crusha, J Ledigham (Ire), 57.92; 3, Silvano, G Mancinelli (It), 0, 58.54. British position: 8, Caster Bridge, Ricketts, 0, 62.55.
BREDA: 1, Chupa Chups (M Marquebielle, Fr), 39.75pts; 2, Wodan (W Sneyders, Bel), 45.35; 3, Take It Easy (W-J van der Schans, Neth), 46.30.

POWER-BOATING

ROUEN: 24-hour race: 1, J Lecomte and A Bisbal (Fr).

IN BRIEF

CYCLING: Steve Joughin, of the Isle of Man, won the sprint finish at the end of the 104 mile long first stage of the Tour of Ireland that started and finished in Dublin yesterday. Phil Thomas was second, with Kurt Heine of West Germany third and amateur rider Mark Gornall fourth.

ATHLETICS: Sydney Maree, who left South Africa because its policy of apartheid kept him from international competition, became eligible for the United States' Olympic team yesterday when he became an American citizen, called the ceremony the most important occasion of his life.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Casey given reduction in suspension

By Keith Macklin

Len Casey, the Hull Kingston Rovers captain, achieved partial success with his appeal against a lengthy ben yesterday, but he will miss Great Britain's tour of Australasia.

Casey appealed against an eight-week suspension, followed consecutively by a further six-month ban for pushing a touch judge. The hearing lasted three hours during which a ITV tape of the incident was shown and the committee ruled that both bans would stay, but would run concurrently rather than consecutively. This means that Casey is out of the game until November 1, with the six months suspension coming into force immediately.

Another troubled captain is Eric Hughes, of Widnes. He will travel south with Widnes today to prepare for Saturday's Wembley final, but is doubtful because of a back injury sustained at Castleford last Sunday, and may have to miss the opportunity of a record-breaking seventh appearance in a Challenge Cup final at Wembley.

Shaun Edwards, the 17 year-old Wiganfull back, will become the youngest player to appear in the final. He beats the record, held by Reg Lloyd, of Keighley in the 1930's, by 48 days.

WIGAN SQUAD: S Edwards, D Ramsdale, D Stephenson, C Whitfield, H Gill; M Cannon, G Stephens; K Hemsley, H Tamati, B Case, G West (captain), M Scott, B Juliff, J Pendlebury, W Elvin.

● The premiership final will be played at Headingley on Saturday, May 12 with a 2.15 pm kick off.

SNOOKER

Griffiths run leaves Davis in the cold

By Sydney Friskin

A packed arena can be a lonely place for the player who is forced into inaction for a long period. Steve Davis, the world champion, seemed completely isolated while Terry Griffiths won five frames in a row to lead 5-3 in the quarter-final of the world professional championship, sponsored by Embassy, at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield yesterday.

Davis started yesterday's play with supreme confidence, winning the first frame with a break of 94, Griffiths not having potted a ball. He won the next two frames with similar ease before the transformation began. Griffiths, with a gathering momentum of carefully executed strokes, swept into his 5-3 lead, making breaks of 82 in the fifth frame and 81 in the seventh. The 25-frame matches ends this morning.

After an epic 13-11 victory over Willie Thorne late on Monday night, Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, was back yesterday morning for another hard-fought tussle against Jimmy White, who will be 22 today. At the end of the first period of play the scores were level at 4-4.

White was given little freedom and the Canadian seized the initiative once more when he took a 4–3 lead, helped by a break of 52. He started the next frame with a break of 64 to which White responded with 67, ending my missing an easy shot on the black. After a brief struggle for this vital ball, White potted it with a beautiful shot. This match also ends today.

Dennis Taylor, who beat John Parrott 13-11 on Monday, saw his 3–1 lead disappear yesterday afternoon as Doug Mountjoy won the fifth frame on the re-spotted black and went on to take the sixth. But Taylor responded by winning the seventh and eighth frames.

SECOND ROUND: D Taylor (N Ireland) bt J Parrott 13-11. Frame scores (Taylor first): 23-80, 63-29, 54-63, 80-0, 60-68, 66-21, 73-31, 43-58, 73-30, 49-69, 54-78, 67-33, 73-59, 65-32, 109-9, 75-19, 21-88, 54-50, 79-33, 18-65, 27-75, 80-13. C Thorburn (Can) bt W Thorne 13-11. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 74-42, 66-25, 63-61, 1-69, 19-101, 90-23, 25-67, 44-74, 84-10, 45-58, 37-57, 100-5, 74-7, 88-38, 28-98, 101-4, 0-98, 53-69, 73-40, 122-1, 55-69, 41-73, 70-40

QUARTER-FINALS: T Griffiths (Wal) leads S Davis (Eng) 5–3; C Thorburn (Can) and J White (Eng) level at 4–4. K Stevens (Can) leads R Reardon (Wal) 6–1; D Taylor (N Ire) leads D Mountjoy (Wal) 5–3



Outsider: Davis watches Griffiths get to work

HOCKEY

Australia's title

West Berlin (Reuter) – A 2-2 draw with The Netherlands was enough to give Australia overall victory yesterday in a four-nation tournament held to mark the West Germany Hockey Association's 75th jubilee.

With wins already over India, the reigning Olympic champions, and hosts West Germany, the Australians were virtually certain of the title before their final game.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

THIRD DIVISION: Southend United 3, Newport County 1.
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Aberdeen 1, St Johnstone 0; Dundee United 2, St Mirren 0.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Nuneaton 2, Maidstone 2. Bob Lord Trophy: Final, second leg: Barnet 1, Scarborough 0 (aggregate 1-2).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 1, Fisher Athletic 1: Midland division: Redditch 4, Dudley 0; Leicester United 0, Merthyr Tydfil 2. Southern division: RS Southampton 5, Waterlooville 0; Dunstable 0, Ashford 0

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest v Aston Villa (postponed); Liverpool 4, Sheffield United 1; Burnley 0, Newcastle 1. Second division: Barnsley 1, Coventry 1; Bradford City 7, Blackpool 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Marine 2, Barrow 3. Rhyl 1, Buxton 2.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Southampton (postponed); Charlton 2, Tottenham 1; Oxford United 8, Bristol Rovers 1; Norwich 5, Luton 1. SOUTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division Cup final: first leg: West Ham 0, Chelsea 5

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Maesteg 13, Newbridge 22; Neath 21, Cardiff 17; Newport 52, Bath 7; Pontypool 54, Llanelli 12, Pontypridd 12, Cross Keys 19.

OTHER MATCHES: Cepelia Floodlit Cup: Final: Colchester 7, Harwich 12
FA SUNDAY CUP: Final: Lee Chapel North (Basildon) 4, Eagle (Liverpool) 3 (aet).

GOLF

New British professionals face difficult challenge

By Mitchell Platts

The presence of Jane Connachan and Kitrina Douglas has provided additional interest in the Ford Ladies Classic which starts at Woburn Golf and Country Club today.

Last month, Miss Connachan, the former British amateur stroke-play champion, was understandably bemused at being named only second reserve for the Curtis Cup team and, almost immediately, she decided to leave the amateur ranks. Within 24 hours of her making that decision she was joined in the professional world by Miss Douglas, who won the British match-play championship in 1982.

The defection of this pair suited the Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA). The 1984 tour now has total prize-money of £500,000 and what the WPGA required this summer was an injection of new British blood. In Miss Connachan and Miss Douglas, they have got that.

There are also plenty of new faces from the Continent, including Federico Dassu, who is the sister of the Italian professional, Baldorino. Also in the field are Elizabeth Glass, of Zimbabwe, who was the Rookie of the Year in 1983, Rae Hast, the 1982 South African amateur champion, and Barbara Helbig, of West Germany.

Miss Helbig, who has been a professional for eight years, took this title 12 months ago. By winning a US mini-tour event in Florida last month, she emphasized that she will make a strong defence.

The American challenge has never been stronger. Lori Castillo, a member of the 1980 Curtis Cup team, is one of the six women from her country in the Baume and Mercier team. The others are Kim Bauer, Bari Brandwynne, Meredith Marshall, Beth Boozer and Nancy Hoins. All of them felt comfortable under the blue skies during yesterday's pro-am, but they are likely to find things increasingly difficult if weather forecasts are accurate and the rain returns.

The arrival of Miss Connachan and Miss Douglas, who will not be inconvenienced by a change in the conditions, will obviously increase the strength of the British contingent. However, they will surely be feeling their way this week.

More likely to be in contention is Mickey Walker, who is striking the ball with tremendous confidence, and Cathy Panton who has recently returned from the LPGA tour in the United States. Muriel Thomson, who returned earlier from America after a succession of disappointing results, will be hoping for better things as she sets out to retain the No 1 poition in the order of merit which she occupied last year.



Perfect style: Bet Boozer in practice yesterday

RACING: STARKEY NOT READY TO RESUME IN FIRST CLASSIC

Verdict awarded to His Honour in Ascot stamina test

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With £20,000 added to the sweepstakes, the Mono Sagaro Stakes is the most valuable race at Ascot today. Having won the Queen's Vase and the Queen Alexandra Stakes at Royal Ascot during the last three years, besides finishing fourth in the Gold Cup there, Ore arguably has the best credentials for this group three race for stayers run over two miles.

However, Willie Musson, the *trainer, will not risk Omar* Zawawi's six-year-old if he considers that the ground is too hard, and as firm going was forecast yesterday there must be a doubt about Ore's taking part unless the heavens have opened during the night. Musson withdrew Ore from a race at Pontefract last week for the same reason.

In the circumstances it seems wiser to plump for **His Honour**, who ran well to finish fourth behind Prince of Peace in his first race of the season at Newmarket, particularly as he was *lumbered with* a huge weight. On that occasion he finished some way in front of Gildoran, one of his principal opponents this afternoon. Furthermore His Honour relishes fast ground.

What could turn out to be the most momentous week in Charlie Nelson's life will begin well if Wiki Wiki Wheels manages to win the Autobar Victoria Cup. And he may well do so, bearing in mind how he won his last two races over seven furlongs at Newmarket last year. However the handicapper ought to have taken his measure and in this instance I just prefer **Milk Heart**, whose trainer, Geoff Lewis, has sent out four winners from his Epsom stable in the last week.

The way Milk Heart finished to gain second place in last year's Wokingham Stakes at Royal Ascot suggested that he is crying out for today's slightly longer distance. More recently a run behind Sayf El Arab at Kempton Park should have put the finishing touches to his preparation for today's test.

No matter how he fares on Wiki Wiki Wheels Lester Piggott should not have to return home to Newmarket empty-handed because there are grounds for thinking that he has an excellent chance of winning the White Rose Stakes on Millbow, a well-bred colt by Mill Reef out of Make A Cursey, who was by Harbager. Althought Yarmoth was the scene of his only victory last year Millbow still ran well enough in the Seaton Delaval Stakes, a pattern race run at Newcastle in August, to suggest that he will develop into a good three-year-old.

Hot Rodder, who finsished last behind Trojan Fen at Newmarket, but was beaten by only five lengths, Longboat, Otrebor and Tocave Botta are four who can make good use of their 5lb maidens' allowance, but I still prefer Millbow who has been impressing George Robinson, our Newmarket correspondent recently.

Insular, the Queen's four-year-old who ran so well in his first race of the season at Newmarket is taken to win the Chabham Apprentices Stakes in the capable hands of Ian *Shoemark, whose father, Bill,* won the Whitbread Gold Cup on Grey Sombrero, that flamboyant front runner.

Having won her first race so impressively at Newbury, Brocade is napped to keep her unbeaten record in the Autobar Stakes at the expense of No No Girl who finished sixth, five lengths behind her at Newbury, and *Travel Legend, who ran so* well in her first race of this season at Newmarket. Finally **Ussangus** (2.15). **Millhouse Lady** (2.45) and **Provideo** (3.45) appear likely winners to Tony Ives at Catterick.

Blinkered first time

CATTERICK: 2.15 Navarro Secondo; 2.45 Quarryman.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Ever Ready Derby Stakes, Epsom: Blackwater, Monte Acuto, Rambo (9am, April 28). Gold Seal Oaks Stakes, Epsom: Miss Lycia, Saniette, Veilleuse (9am, April 28.) All engagements (dead): Oration.

TOMORROW'S ADVANCE GOING: Newmarket: good to firm. Hereford: Hard

Injury forces heavily backed L'Orangerie out of Guineas

By Michael Seely

L'Orangerie has been injured and will miss tomorrow's 1,000 Guineas. "The filly bumped an off-fore fetlock last night", Criquette Head her trainer, said yesterday. "It is nothing serious, but there can be no question of her running at Newmarket."

This came as a shattering blow to the Chantilly trainer as her hopes of repeating last year's triumph win Ma Biche had been boosted sky *high since Masarika, the runner-up* to L'Orangerie Maisons Laffitte had won the French 1,000 Guineas on Saturday. "It is a great pity as she's very well indeed". Mrs Head told Desmond Stoneham later in the day. "She would have gone very close."

This news will also not exactly have pleased the bold punter who struck a wager of £10,000 each-way about Robert Sangster's filly on Monday. "Actually we feel rather sorry for him," Graham Sharpe, a *PRO for William Hill, said.* Following the defectionn of L'Orangerie, Mahogany's price has now shortened to 5-4 on with both Hills and Ladbrokes.

Other news on the first of the filly's classics is that Lester Piggott will take over from the injured Greville Starkey on Miss Beaulieu. Starkey is still in pain after being concussed in his fall at Kempton Park on Easter Monday, but still hopes to be fit in time to ride Lear *Fan in the 2,000 Guineas.*

The going is likely to be good to firm tomorrow, provided that the anticipated rain does not materialise. "We watered twice last week to get the grass going" Nick Lees, *Newmarket's clerk of the course,* said yesterday.

"The sprinklers have been in action yesterday and again today, but it is not wise to water after a meeting has started, particularly as we are still getting overnight frosts. It should be alright tomorrow but if the rain stays away it might be firmish come Saturday."

Saturday's encounter between El Gran Señor, Lear Fan, Rainbow Quest and Keen is rightly being heralded as likely to be the most exciting since that epic battle between Brigadier Gerard and Mill Reef in 1971. Coincidentally it will be the smallest field since that occasion as only nine were declared at yesterday's four day stage of acceptors.

The rumour that El Gran Señor is a doubtful runner appears to be as baseless as were the adverse reports circulating about Burrough Hill Lad before the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Vincent O'Brien is looking forward with relish to attempting to record his fourth Guineas triumph. "It's going to be a great race and a tough one to win," he said yesterday.

Ladbrokes and William Hill bet as follows: 2-1 El Gran Señor, Lear Fan, 6-1 Rainbow Quest, Keen. 14-1 is on offer against Creag-an-Sgor. Guy Harewood *remains delighted* with Lear Fan as the Pulborough trainer bids to repeat his 1981 victory with To-Agori-Mou. "Lear Fan worked well this morning and will have his final gallop on Thursday."



Criquette Head: had high hopes for L'Orangerie

The issues facing the punter are clear cut. El Gran Señor and Lear Fan are fully entitled to their lofty position at the head of affairs. El Gran Señor beat Rainbow Quest by half a length in last autumn's Dewhurst Stakes and the Northern Dancer colt recently confirmed his well being with a comfortable defeat of his stable companion, Sadlers Wells at the Curragh.

Similarly Lear Fan showed himself to be a miler of quite outstanding merit when giving Rainbow Quest 5lb and a short heat beating in last month's Craven Stakes. Judged strictly on that form the Roberto colt now has a marginal superiority to El Gran Señor, so there is little to chose between the pair at their current prices. The $64,000 question is whether Rainbow Quest represents the best each-way value at 6-1. Khaled Abdullah's *Blushing Groom* colt makes more appeal than Keen on this score simply because he possesses the more substantial credentials.

The form purists say no. They point out that Lear Fan's 5lb advantage in the weights represents two lengths and they also say the El Gran Señor showed by far the superior speed in the Dewhurst. My gut feeling as the Rainbow Quest is going to make a bold attempt to follow in the footsteps of Only For Life and Known Fact for Jeremy Tree.

Being a great grandson of the Oaks winner Noblesse and closely related to the Oaks runner-up, Slightly Dangerous, Rainbow Quest's pedigree is check full of stamina and although *he has been* outpaced in the vital stage in both his last two races, he has been the stronger finisher on both those occasions.

Rainbow Quest will be in his element with the fast gallop of the Guineas and if Steve Cauthen can persuade him to settle, he is sure to run a fine race.

Milk Heart and Wiki Wiki Wheels have been installed joint favourites at 5-1 for this afternoon's Autobar Victoria Cup at *Ascot.* Geoff Lewis's five-year old showed that he relishes an uphill finish when narrowly failing to overhaul Melindra in the Wokingham Stakes at Royal Ascot. Following several unsuccessful subsequent appearances, Milk Heart has been dropped in the weights and is sure to be in keen demand when the bookmakers offices open this morning.

£2,000 GUINEAS ACCEPTORS: Bounding (Y Saint-Martin), Chief Singer (R Cochrane), Creag-An-Sgor (J Mercer), El Gran Senor (Pat Eddery), Keen (L Piggott), King's Island (P Robinson), Lear Fan (G Starkey), Native Charmer (S Perks), Rainbow Quest (S Cauthen).

Al Sylah, who sped home over the five furlongs of Cinderhill Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Nottingham yesterday to set a new two-year-old course record, looks the ideal type for Epsom. The Acorn Stakes on Oaks Day is the likely target for this daughter of Nureyev, whose trainer, Harry Thomson Jones, won the event last year with another Al-Maktoum filly, Nophe.

Al Sylah – the only one of Thomson Jones's 40 juveniles to have appeard on a racecourse – obviously learnt from her Newmarket debut and was out like a flash to lead all the way.

Pay talks break down

Hopes of an end to the dispute between stable staff and the National Trainers' Federation were dashed yesterday when talks at the headquarters of ACAS (the Arbitration, Conciliatory and Advisory Service) broke down.

Differences between the two sides over pay and overtime could not be resolved and there was no improvement in the employers' offer of a five per cent rise, which would take the basic weekly wage from £75 to £78.75.

Trainers have been advised to pay the rise, despite the fact that it has been rejected by the lads.

RUGBY UNION

Wakefield recalled

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The memory of one of England's great players and administrators, Lord Wakefield of Kendal who, as Wavell Wakefield won 31 caps, will be invoked at the start of next season. Lord Wakefield, who died last August, had been a moving spirit on a Harlequins committee established to celebrate the club's 75 years at Twickenham.

The event, a game between the Harlequins and the French Barbarians at Twickenham on September 1, will serve as a tribute also to his memory. The Wavell Wakefield Memorial match which will be sponsored, by Elf Aquitaine (UK), will be the first occasion the French club have played in England. It would be nice to see the game become an annual event.

The French Barbarians, founded during the 1979-80 season, have regular fixtures only against touring sides. They won the Melrose centenary sevens in 1982-83 and competed both at Melrose and in the recent Hongkong sevens. They have established a tradition of inviting a British player to each of their games and there is some possibility for the game with Harlequins that they would invite a player from each of the four home countries.

Representatives from all the clubs that Lord Wakefield played for – Cambridge University, Barnstaple, Neath, Leicester, Middlesex, the RAF and the Barbarians – will be invited to the game which takes place the day before the Harlequins/Lord's Taverners sevens at the Stoop Memorial ground, when the French Barbarians will also enter a team.

Brixham's bonus

Brixham have won the Devon Merit Table, despite the ban imposed on their first team players by Devon Rugby Union in March. Roger Porter, the Devon secretary, described the situation as 'ironical'.

CYCLING

Sisters on road to Olympics

By John Wilcockson

Two sisters, Catherine Swinnerton and Margaret Herety, have been named in the short list for the British team to take part in the first road race for women at the Olympic Games. It seems likely that both will make the journey to Los Angeles.

Miss Swinnerton, from Stoke-on-Trent, is the most experienced of the five riders named and she will be suited to the undulating nature of the Mission Viejo circuit at Los Angeles.

Her sister, who is married to John Herety, the former British professional champion, has improved her statue *this year by racing in* France and Britain.

The other three contenders for Olympic selection are Maria Blower, Louise Garbutt and Muriel Sharp. Also to be considered are *Helen Edwards, Linda Payne* and Pauline Strongs. Their hopes depend on their performances in a series of races in France next week.

The shortlist for the inaugural women's Tour de France, which *takes place from June 30 to July 22*, has also been announced. None of the Olympic contenders is being considered because of the clash with the Tour of Colorado, which is a preparation event fo Los Angeles.

Agostinho in coma after fall

Lisbon (Ruter) – Joaquim Agostinho, Portugal's veteran cycling champion, lay in a coma yesterday after fracturing his skull in a fall during the Tour of Algarve on Monday. Hospital sources here said his condition was very serious.

Agostinho, aged 42, was wearing the leader's yellow jersey when a dog ran across his path, causing him to collide with another rider and crash to the ground, striking his head. An X-ray test showed a skull fracture and surgeons operated into the early hours of the morning.

BASKETBALL

English player of season left out by Britain

By Nicholas Harling

Dan Lloyd, the popular Crystal Palace captain, who was voted English player of the season, has been excluded from Britain's preparations for the pre-Olympic qualifying tournament in Grenoble later this month.

Lloyd is a surprising omission from the 13-man squad, who followed Saturday's 91-88 victory over France with a 95-90 win over the same team at Portsmouth

Counties list 12 players for the Olympics and Lloyd was staggered to be told by the coach, Tom Schneeman, that he was the unlucky one. "I was really shocked, to say the least," he said. "I suppose he's got a lot of forwards and felt that one of us had to go. *He's the head* coach and he's going with the team he feels he can win with. I guess everyone had a fair shot at it but I feel disgruntled and humiliated."

Lloyd will remain on standby *should any of the other players get* injured against All-Stars at Leicester on Saturday and Birmingham on Sunday.

GREAT BRITAIN: P Simpson (C. Palace), K Tatham (Solent), S Hadwen (Edinburgh), J Johnson (Edinburgh), M Samson (Birmingham), R Archibald (Edinburgh), P Jeremich (C. Palace), A Balogun (Bracknell), R Way (Edinburgh), P Mullings (Sunderland), M Spaid (C. Palace).

IN BRIEF

Olympic choice in Junior Wightman Cup

Amanda Brown and Rina Einy, who were recently chosen by the International Tennis Federation to represent Great Britain in the tennis demonstration event at the Olympic Games in August, are included in a squad of five players who have been invited to form the junior Wightman Cup squad, sponsored by Nabisco.

The two 18-year-olds are joined by Sara Gomer, aged 19, Shelley Walpole, 18, and Julie Salmon, 18. These players will also form the basis of the Maureen Connoly Cup team to play against America in the Autumn.

YACHTING: Twenty-three yacht clubs, including one from landlocked Switzerland, have taken up the challenge for the America's Cup, which will take place in Australia in 1987, organizers said yesterday. The clubs are from eight nations. The highest number of challengers involved previously was last year's seven.

SWIMMING: Caroline Holmyard and Carolyn Wilson, winner of three gold medals of the European championships, have been named as Britain's synchronized swimming duet for the Olympic Games. Amanda Dodd is the travelling reserve.

ATHLETICS

Whitbread's best by two metres

By Pat Butcher

Fatima Whitbread and Susan Hearnshaw have opened their summer season impressively, with personal best performances. Miss Whitbread, the world championship silver medal winner, became only the fifth woman in the world to surpass 70 metres with the javelin, when she threw 71.86 metres at the weekend, in Cyprus, where she has been training. It is her best by over two metres.

Miss Hearnshaw was the only non-East German winner in a track and field meeting in Yugoslavia on Monday, when she won the long jump, with 6.75 metres.

Miss Hearnshaw won the European indoor gold medal, in Gothenburg in early March, with an indoor best of 6.70 metres, and is evidently carrying on the good work, after spending almost three years suffering from injuries.

JUDO

Adams the favourite

Liège (Reuter) – The European Championships, to be held over four days, starts here tomorrow and they promise to provide an epic contest between Neil Adams the reigning light-middleweight title holder and Shota Khabarelli, the Soviet Union's Olympic gold medal winner.

Adams, who also won the stylist award at last year's championships, has yet to find his best form this year but is still expected to win.

Leading performers are using this competition as preparation for the Los Angeles Olympics. Belgium's greatest judo exponent, Robert van der Walle, the light-heavyweight *Olympic champion, has been* recalled by his national association from an extended training session in Japan and ordered to fight.

Among his strongest opponents will be Roger Vachon of France, who has a torn rib cartilage, and Valeri Divishenko of the Soviet Union.

Angelo Parisi, the French Olympic heavyweight champion, fights i the open category

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

British Championship
Wales v England (at Wrexham)

UEFA U21 Championship
Semi-final, second leg
Italy v England (Florence)

Third division
Bradford v Bristol Rovers (7.0)
Oxford v Wigan

Fourth division
Darlington v Stockport
Torquay v Chester

Associate Members Cup
Semi-final, Northern section
Hull v Sheffield United

Scottish premier division
Hearts v Aberdeen
Rangers v Dundee United

Alliance Premier League
Bangor City v Barnet
Kidderminster v Northwich Victoria
Yeovil v Kettering

Central League:
First division:
Blackburn v Nottingham Forest
Newcastle v Stoke (2.0)

Second division:
Rotherham v Chesterfield (7.0)
West Bromwich v Sheffield United (postponed)

Football combination
Leicester v Reading (2.15)
Millwall v Norwich City (2.0)
Southampton v Chelsea

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: Final, second leg: Workington (1) v Marine (1).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Shepshed Charterhouse v Wellingborough, Milton Keynes v Dudley. Southern division: RS Southampton v Thanet.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Feltham v Hertford Town.
MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Cup:Peterborough United v Bournemouth (2.0).
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge United v Charlton (6.30) Second division Cup: Final: Wimbledon v West Ham.

NAAFI JUBILEE CUP:RAF Wyton v Same Bordon (at RAF Wyton, Cambridgeshire, 3.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE
Second division: Bramley v Cardiff City; Carlisle v Hunslet, Doncaster v Huyton (7.0).

OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS:Southern Counties AAA v RAF v Borough Road College (at Cystal Palace NSC). Thames Valley Harriers open graded meeting (at West London Stadium); ULAC inter-collegiate championships (Motspur Park); Representative university match (Iffley Road, Oxford).
TENNIS: LTA women's tournament (at West Worthing club, 11.30).
SNOOKER: World professional championship (at Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, 2.0 and 7.0).

● East Berlin (reuter) – Anett Poetzsch and Katarina Witt, East German Olympic women's figure-skating champions in 1980 and 1984 are to become sisters-in-law.

Miss Poetzsch, will shortly marry Axel, Miss Witt's brother.

ASCOT (BBC)

[Televised: (BBC 2) 2.0; (BBC 1) 2.30, 3.5, 3.40]

GOING: Firm

Draw: No advantage

Tote double: 3.5, 4.10. Treble: 2.30, 3.40, 4.40

2.0 AUTOBAR STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £6,702: 1m) (10 runners)

101 1 BROCADE (G Leigh) G Harwood 9-1 ....A Clark
102 0- BEST LADY (Elisha Holdings) M Jarvis 8-11 ....B Raymond
105 EXUBERINE (M Phillips-McDonald) G Hunter 8-11 ....P Cook
109 0- NET CORD (Esal Commodities) P Kelleway 8-11 ....G Duffield
110 0 NO NO GIRL (E Moller) G Wragg 8-11 ....L Piggott
111 0-4 PARADISE ISLAND (S Threadwell) C Brittain 8-11 ....P Robinson
112 0-0 RED GAY (D McIntyre) R Sheather 8-11 ....R Cochrane
113 SAVE THE DAY (W Jones jun) G Harwood 8-11 ....G Landau
114 0-0 SUMAYA (Dana Stud Ltd) J Dunlop 8-11 ....W Carson
115 0-4 TRAVEL LEGEND (R Patrick) P Walwyn 8-11 ....J Mercer

1983: Abandoned – course waterlogged.

4-5 Brocade, 4 Travel Legend, 6 No No Girl, 10 Net Cord, 12 Red Gay, Sumaya, 20 others.

FORM: BROCADE (8-11) had No No Girl (8-11) 5l back in 6th when comfortable Newbury winner (7f, £2,928, good, Apr 14). NET CORD (8-9) btn 6l when 5th to Nepula (8-9) in Ascot group race (6f, £23,048, good to firm, Sep 22). RED GAY (8-6) 5l 5th to MEIS-EL-REEM (8-11) in Salisbury Guneas Trial (7f, £3,054, good, Apr 7). SUMAYA (8-7) outpaced when last of 9 to Pebbles (8-7) in Nell Gwyn (Newmarket, 7f, £12,090, good to firm, Apr 19). TRAVEL LEGEND (8-11) 2½l 4th to Glowing With Pride (8-11) in Newmarket maiden (7f, £3,253, good to firm, Apr 17).
Selection: NET CORD.

2.30 MONO SAGARO STAKES (Group III: £14,176: 2m) (9)

203 /4000-0 CENTROLINE (D) (A Bingley) C A Bell 6-8-11 ....B Rouse
204 03/114- ORE (D) (O Zawawi) W Musson 6-8-11 ....B Raymond
205 00123-3 ANOTHER SAM (CD) (J Norman) R Hannon 7-8-8 ....A McGlone
208 0-000 CUTTING EDGE (J Anderson) M Chapman 4-8-8 ....W R Swinburne
209 0/32- FEALTY (P Brookshaw) P Brookshaw 4-8-8 ....M Miller
211 12102-0 GILDORAN (R Sangster) B Hills 4-8-8 ....S Cauthen
212 11222-4 HIS HONOUR (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 4-8-8 ....W Carson
213 3000-00 MORGANS CHOICE (CD) (BF) (C Hill) C Hill 7-8-8 ....L Piggott
215 /40100- SOCIETY BOY (C) (R Barnett) H Candy 4-8-8 ....J Matthias

9-4 His Honour, 3 Ore, 9-2 Another Sam, 6 Gildoran, 10 Centroline, 12 Fealty, Morgans Choice, 20 others.

Ore (9-0) had CENTROLINE (9-0), 8l back in 6th when 4th to LITTLE WOLF (9-0) at Ascot (2m 4f, £43,146, firm, June 16). ANOTHER SAM (9-11) 3½l 3rd to Fortune's Guest (8-3) at Kempton (2m, £4,666, firm, Apr 21).Gildoran (7-6) had ANOTHER SAM (8-6) 7l back in 6th when 2½l To Karadar at Doncaster (2m 2f, £18,295, good to firm, Sep 8). HIS HONOUR (9-12) 4th btn 3½l by Prince of Peace (8-12) at Newmarket (1m 6f £4,259, good to firm, April 17), with Gildoran (9-11) unplaced. SOCIETY BOY (8.1) 5th to Khairprour (9-0), btn 14 ½l at Newbury (1m 5f, £22,270, good to firm, Aug 13). *Selection: HIS HONOUR.*

3.5 AUTOBAR VICTORIA CUP (Handicap: £12,193: 7f) (14)

301 4142/00 CREWS HILL (C Henry) Mrs C Reavey 8-9-13 ....G Baxter
302 041011- WIKI WIKI WHEELS (D) (B) (P Savill) C Nelson 4-9-0 ....L Piggott
303 00/00-0 ANOTHER REALM (D) (D Goldstein) F Durr 6-8-12 ....S Cauthen
304 310040- MUMMYS PLEASURE (D) (A Pilley) P Haslam 5-8-9 ....B Raymond
305 00000-0 CORN STREET (C) (M Wilkins) J Bosley 6-7-8 ....J Mercer
306 1032-00 OLD DOMINION (D) (P Mellon) I Balding 7-8-6 ....J H Brown 5
307 0204-00 MILK HEART (Elisha Holdings) G Lewis 5-8-6 ....P Waldron
308 00000-0 COME ON THE BLUES (D) (B) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 5-8-4 ....P Robinson
309 0/10-00 EL MANSOUR (D) (P Newton) N Gaselee 5-8-3 ....B Rouse
311 3010-02 CHRISTMAS COTTAGE (D) (B) (Mrs P Mason) J Mason 6-8-2 ....J Bleasdale
312 03040-4 AL TRUI (E Jameson) W Musson 4-7-13 ....W Carson
313 00333-0 NUMISMATIST (Drulpanel UK Ltd) D Sasse 5-7-13 ....D McKay
314 00030-0 SIDAB (G Painter) W Musson 4-7-11 ....Paul Eddery
315 02110-0 SPEAK NOBLY (T Upton) W Guest 3-7-11 ....M L Thomas

7-2 Wiki Wiki Wheels, 9-2 Milk Heart, 11-2 Christmas Cottage, 7 Al Trui, 8 Another Realm, 10 Mummys Pleasure, Corn Street, 12 Old Dominion, El Mansour, 20 others.

FORM: CREWS HILL (9-12) 3l 6th to Reesh (8-5) at Newmarket (6f, £8,566, good to firm, Apr 18). WIKI WIKI WHEELS (9-3) won at Newmarket (7f, £5,140, good, Oct 13) with Mummy's Pleasure (8-9) not in first 9. MILK HEART (9-0) 11l 5th to Sayf El Arab (9-10) at *Kempton (6f, £4,867, firm,* Apr 23) CHRISTMAS COTTAGE (8-2) 2l 2nd to Lak Lustre (8-0) at Newcastle (7f, £27,585, good to soft, Apr 21) with Another Realm (8-12) 8th and Come on the Blues (8-4) last. AL TRUI (9-7) 3l 4th to Tobermory Boy (9-2) at Nottingham (6f, £2,590, firm, Apr 23).
Selection: WIKI WIKI WHEELS.

3.40 WHITE ROSE STAKES (£6,858: 1m 2f) (12)

402 4211-0 CAROCREST (BF) (Lady Harrison) G Harwood 9-0 ....J Mercer
403 213- MILLBOW (S Narchos) H Cecil 9-0 ....L Piggott
405 14- GIRL FRIDAY (R Holmes A Court) I Balding 8-11 ....J Matthias
407 0 BRIGADIER JACQUES (A Richards) C Brittain 8-9 ....P Robinson
408 3-0 BYE BYE BIRDIE (G Kaye) P Kelleway 8-9 ....G Duffield
410 04- GOLDEN FLAME (V Advani) R Simpson 8-9 ....J Reid
411 0-0 HOT RODDER (O Phipps) J Dunlop 8-9 ....B Rouse
413 0- KIRMANN (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 ....S Cauthen
414 2-3 LONGBOAT (BF) (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 8-9 ....W Carson
415 40- OTREBOR (Lady Beaverbrook) M Jarvis 8-9 ....B Raymond
416 0 SARAWAT MOUNTAINS (Faal Racing Ltd) P Cole 8-9 ....T Quinn
417 222- TOCAVE BOTTA (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9 ....W R Swinburn

3 Millbow, 7-2 Tocave Botta, 4 Longboat, 5 Carocrest, 6 Otrebor, 10 Hot Rodder, 12 Girl Friday, 20 others.

FORM: CAROCREST (9-3) 7th to Prince Ragusa (8-10) at Thirsk (8f, £4,869, good, Apr 14). MILLBOW (8-11) 3rd to Knoxville (8-7), btn 1½l, (Newcastle 7f, £17,484, Firm, Aug 9). GIRL FRIDAY (8-9) 2l 4th to Nepula (8-9) at Ascot (6f, £23,047, firm, Spt 22). HOT RODDER (8-8) 5l last *of 8 to Trojan Fen (9-4)* at Newmarket (1m 1f, £7,778, good to firm, Apr 19). KIRMANN (9-0) prom 6l, out of first 9 to Bob Back (9-0) at Newmarket (8f, £4,998, good, Oct 13). LONGBOAT (9-0) 3½l 3rd to Spicy Story (9-9) at Newbury (1m 3f, £2,795, good, Apr 13). Previously, LONGBOAT (9-0) 4l 2nd to Alphabatim (9-0) with OTREBOR hd away 3rd (Newmarket 8f, £4,572, good to firm, Oct 1). TOCAVE BOTTA (9-0) 1½l 2nd to Trial By Error (9-0) at Yarmouth (7f, £1,033, good, Sep 15).
Selection: TOCAVE BOTTA

Ascot selections

By Mandarin

2.0 BROCADE (Nap). 2.30 His Honour. 3.5 Milk Heart. 3.40 Millbow. 4.10 Primo Dominie. 4.40 Insular.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 No No Girl. 2.30 Ore. 3.5 Speak Nobly. 3.40 Millbow. 4.10 Persian Pleasure. 4.40 Temple Bar.

By Michael Seely

2.30 His Honour. 3.5 MILK HEART (nap).

4.10 GARTER STAKES (2-y-o: £5,837: 5f) (7)

501 01 LAURIE LORMAN (D) (A Bingley) M McCourt 9-1 ....R Wernham
502 112 PERSIAN PLEASURE (D) (B Sutton) R Boss 9-1 ....L Piggott
503 02 NORTHERN TREAT (P Brookshaw) P Brookshaw 8-11 ....M Miller
504 PRIMO DOMINIE (P Wetzel) B Swift 8-11 ....J Reid
505 SAILORS REWARD (Introgroup Holdings) R Hannon 8-11 ....A McGlone
506 4 SALOUM (Swinton Holdings) M Hinchliffe 8-11 ....P Wray
507 0 LESLEY WHEELER (A Bingley) C A Bell 8-8 ....B Rouse

11-8 Persian Pleasure, 3 Primo Dominie, 4 Saloum, 6 Laurie Lorman, 8 Northern Treat, 12 Sailors Reward, 25 Lesley Wheeler.

FORM: LAURIE LORMAN (9-0) won by 1½l from Stamping Ground (9-0) at Warwick (5f, £1,020, firm, Apr 24). PERSIAN PLEASURE (9-2) btn sh hd by Opera Comique (8-13) at Folkestone (5f, £884, good to firm, Apr 16). NORTHERN TREAT (9-0) btn 1½l by Run With The Wind (9-0) at Newmarket (5f, £2,420, good to firm, Apr 17). SALOUM (8-11) btn 3½l by Opera Comique (9-8) at Lingfield (5f, £1,628, good to soft, Apr 11). LESLEY WHEELER (8-11) 7l 7th to Hi-Tech-Girl (8-11) at Newbury (5f, £2,014, good, Apr 14).
Selection: PERSIAN PLEASURE.

4.40 CHOBHAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,494: 1m 4f) (8)

601 21111-2 INSULAR (The Queen) I Balding 4-10-0 ....I Shoemark 8
602 033-013 TEMPLE BAR (BF) (Barclays Hotels) C Brittain 4-8-8 ....M Lynch 10
603 3110d2- GOING GOING (D) (H Candy) H Candy 5-8-7 ....C Rutter 10
604 0230-03 TROPICAL MIST (BF) (S Grinstead) G Thorner 4-8-7 ....S Dawson
605 000101- RA NOVA (D Travers-Clark) Mrs N Kennedy 5-8-5 ....L Jones 3
607 0020-24 SHUTLAR'S FLING (R Shutlar) M Haynes 4-8-1 ....T Williams 3
608 02203-4 ROYAL BRIGADIER (G Moses) G Balding 4-8-0 ....J H Brown
610 20/000- PONTIN BOY (D) (H Thomson Jones) H Thomson Jones 5-7-12 ....T Helfer 3

7-4 Insular, 7-2 Temple Bar, 9-2 Tropical Mist, 6 Going Going, 8 Ra Nova, 12 Shutlar's Fling, 20 others.

FORM: INSULAR (10-0) 5l 2nd to Aberfield (8-12) at Newmarket (1m 4f, £2,595, good to firm, Apr 19). TEMPLE BAR (8-8) 1½l 3rd to Rivers Edge (8-0) at Thirsk (1m 4f, £2,285, good, Apr 14). GOING GOING (9-7) ½l 2nd to Hazel Bush (7-9) at Leicester (1m 4f, £2,729, firm, Oct 31). TROPICAL MIST (8-10) 17½l 3rd to Macmillion (9-8) at Warwick (1m 4f, £2,935, firm, Apr 24). GRA NOVA (9-10) won by nk from Merry Tom (8-4) at Chepstow (1m 2f, £1,348, good, Oct 24). SHUTLARS FLING (7-7) 7½l 4th to Moon Jester (8-2) at Kempton (1m 4f, £4,188, good to soft, Apr 6). Selection: GOING GOING.

CATTERICK BRIDGE

GOING: Firm

Draw: Low numbers best

2.15 SEDBURY MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £547: 5f) (10 runners)

2 22 NAVARRO SECONDO (BF) (B) J Berry 8-8 ....S Horsfall 5
3 OLD MEG C H Bell 8-8 ....N Carlisle
4 32 SUSANGUS (BF) W O'Gorman 8-8 ....T Ives
5 EBOR GREY J FitzGerald 8-5 ....E Hide
6 MAJOR'S REVIEW E Weymes 8-5 ....K Hodgson
7 0 PRINCESS AURA C Tinkler 8-5 ....L Charnock
8 03 SAMANTHA FOX (B) N Callaghan 8-5 ....W Ryan 5
9 DUBOVSKY R Allan 8-2 ....S Webster
13 30 NORTHERN PARADE M W Easterby 7-13 ....M Fry
14 0 SALLY JO M W Easterby 7-13 ....J Lowe

1983: Abandoned - course waterlogged.

7-4 Susangus, 9-4 Navarro Secondo, 9-2 Samantha Fox, 6 Northern Parade, 10 Ebor Grey, 14 others.

Catterick selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Susangus. 2.45 Mill House Lady. 3.15 Sweet Colleen. 3.45 Provideo. 4.15 Over The Rainbow. 4.45 Wise Crown.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

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Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Sweet Colleen.

2.45 JOCKEY CAP SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £988: 1m 4f 40yd) (11)

1 000-0 BLACK LABEL I Vickers 8-10 ....M Hindley 7
2 00-00 BURBRIDGE KING ST (B) P Felgate 8-10 ....O Gray
3 0-002 GAINVILLE LAD R Whitaker 8-10 ....S Parks
5 00-00 KING SHARA Mrs M Nesbitt 8-10 ....A Crook
7 003-0 QUARRYMAN (B) W C Watts 8-10 ....M Wood
8 000-0 SOOTY'S PAL (B) J Parkes 8-10 ....S Webster
9 000-0 SPRINGTIME DOUBLE M Lambert 8-10 ....D Oldham
11 000-0 UNCLE OLIVER W Pearce 8-10 ....S Keightley
13 000-3 MILL HOUSE LADY W Musson 8-7 ....T Ives
16 0-000 STAR PATRICK D Chapman 8-7 ....D Nicholls
17 000-0 VALDAMOSA T Kersey 8-7 ....S P Griffiths 7

9-4 Gainville Lad, 11-4 Uncle Oliver, 7-2 Mill House Lady, 5 Sooty's Pal, 8 Quarryman, 12 others.

3.15 BRIDGE HANDICAP (£1,676: 1m 7f 180yd) (11)

1 400-0 VAL CLIMBER R Stubbs 6-9-10 ....S Bridle 7
2 00/4 AUCKLAND EXPRESS Denys Smith 4-8-4 ....M Fry
3 0-230 WILDRUSH W C Watts 5-9-4 ....M Wood
4 2000- KATIE BOURNE (C) E Carter 4-8-12 ....C Dwyer
6 4300 ROSE CHARTER W Bentley 7-8-9 ....N Carlisle
7 040/0 SECRET FINALE M Lambert 5-8-7 ....D Oldham
8 000-3 SWEET COLLEEN M W Easterby 4-8-7 ....W Ryan 5
9 000-0 HYDRANGEA D Chapman 5-8-5 ....D Nicholls
10 00-44 EXCAVATOR LADY (B) Mrs M Nesbitt 5-8-3 ....A Nesbitt
12 04-00 JACINTO TIMES Mrs M Nesbitt 5-8-1 ....L Charnock
13 040/0- LE PRETENDANT (B) W Pearce 10-8-0 ....S Buckton 7

3 Wildrush, 4 Katie Bourne, 9-2 Excavator Lady, 6 Auckland Express, 7 Rose Charter, 9 Sweet Colleen, 12 Val Climber, 16 others.

3.45 RICHMOND STAKES (2-y-o: £1,274: 5f) (7)

1 21 BOARDMANS GLORY (D) J Berry 9-7 ....K Darley
2 1221 PROVIDEO (CD) (B) W O'Gorman 9-7 ....T Ives
3 4133 GARDA'S GLORY (D) D Plant 9-4 ....B Coogan
5 3331 SWIFT RIVER (D) C H Bell 9-4 ....N Carlisle
8 BLAKEDALE E Weymes 8-11 ....S Webster
9 0 PALHACO M H Easterby 8-11 ....M Birch
11 PHAMOND N Callaghan 8-8 ....W Ryan 5

11-8 Provideo, 5-2 Boardman's Glory, 5 Garda's Glory, 7 Swift River, 10 Palhaco, 16 others.

4.15 SPRING HANDICAP (£1,377: 6f) (13)

4 0-000 FERRIBY HALL (CD) (B) A Smith 7-9-10 ....C Dwyer
2 33-42 OVER THE RAINBOW (CD) J Winter 7-9-9 ....P Hamblett
4 000-0 LUCKY DUTCH M W Easterby 5-9-2 ....M Hindley 7
5 0-020 SPOILT FOR CHOICE (C,D) D Chapman 6-8-2 ....D Nicholls
7 03000- IBOLYAN SOUND (D) S Norton 5-9-1 ....J Lowe
8 0-000 ROYAL DUTY (D) N Tinkler 6-9-1 ....Kim Spink 7
9 00-00 GAN CH LAD Denys Smith 3-9-0 ....M Fry
12 301-0 MRS BUZBY (CD) Miss S Hall 5-8-12 ....M Birch
13 30-04 OFF YOUR MARK C Tinkler 4-8-8 ....P Burke 7
14 0-021 BLACKPOOL BELLE (D) J Berry 3-8-5 ....A Geran 7
15 2000- RAPID MISS (D) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-5 ....S P Griffiths 7
17 30-30 MUSICAL ROSE D Plant 3-8-2 ....B Coogan
21 000-0 STAY SECRET (C,D) (S) W Bentley 7-7-7 ....A Nesbitt

5-2 Over The Rainbow, 100-30 Blackpool Belle, 9-2 Mrs Buzby, 6 Off Your Mark, 7 Spoilt For Choice, 9 Musical Rose, 12 Ferriby Hall, 16 others.

4.45 HURGILL LODGE STAKES (3-y-o: £580: 7f) (8)

3 0-20 BOB-DOUBLE R Whitaker 9-0 ....NON-RUNNER
4 000- CULMINATE D Plant 9-0 ....B Coogan
5 DOZARIO J Jefferson 9-0 ....–
7 04 HUNT THE GOWK C H Bell 9-0 ....S Webster
9 330-0 RIGIDSKI J Winter 9-0 ....T Ives
10 00-00 SAMBOLA (J Mason 9-0 ....C Dwyer
12 04-4 WISE CROWN L Cumani 9-0 ....R Guest
14 BROADLANDS W Haigh 8-11 ....M Wood

8-11 Wise Crown, 9-4 Rigidski, 10 Hunt The Gowk, 15 Culminate, 20 others.

Lear Fan club receive dual encouragement

Supporters of Lear Fan for the 2,000 Guineas were encouraged by two endorsements at Bath yesterday of the power of Guy Harwood's three-year-old colts. Lucky Scott, fourth to Harwood's Rousillon at Salisbury, paid his tribute with an all-the-way win in the Somerset Stakes.

Although Lucky Scott was not impressive – he was aided by the runner-up, Young Turk, hanging in behind him – Paul Cole is confident that this was no measure of Lucky Scott's ability.

Harwood's newcomer, Crazy, should that there are still untapped reserves in the Harwood stable by running clean away with the Blathwayt Maiden Stakes in the style of a colt considerably better than this class.

● Alphabatim, winner of the Guardian Cassic Trial at Sandown Park on Saturday, was laid to lose £50,000 for the Derby by Corals yesterday and is now 9-1 from 12-1. The firm also report 2,000 Guneas support for Keen, now 5-1 from 6-1.

● Ring Bidder, who won five times before being retired to the Castle Stud, *Cholmondley, Cheshire, this* spring has already covered 25 mares. His latest was his former stable companion, Kathred, who went on to score emphatically at Ripon four days later.

Bath results

Going: firm

2.15 (1m 8yd) 1, FLAME LILY (A McGlone, 17-2); 2, Supershoe Wonder (S Whitworth, 8-1); 3, Dame Caroline (N Adams, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Barnalyn (6th), 11-2 Record Supreme (4th), Rhythmical, 6 Vitanges (5th), 13-2 Grand Entrance, 16 Fagk, 20 I Wonder When, 25 Fils de Roi, 33 Cooks Flanagan, MrChicham, Annie Oka, Balcanoch, Gallca Rosa, Sioux Princess, Washburn Flyer. 18 ran. Nk, 3l 1½l, sh hd, 5l. R Hannon at Marlborough. TOTE: £8.90; £3.20, £7.90, £6.90. DF: (1st or 2nd with any other) £3.50. CSF: £73.20. Bought in for 2,400 guineas.

2.45 (5f) 1, AL-AMARADY (B Rouse, 13-1); 2, Ascension Island (S Cauthen, 10-11 fav); 3, Nippon Riva (J Reid, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11 High Bidder (4th), 12 Lake Hamilton (5th),50 Little Dimple (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, 1½, 3l, sh hd, 10. C Benstead at Epsom. TOTE: £3.60; £1.50; £1.10. DF: £2.08. CSF: £6.14. Result stood after stewards' enquiry.

3.15 (1m 2f 50yds) 1, LUCKY SCOTT (P Waldron, 11-8 fav); 2, Young Turk (S Cauthen, 9-1); 3, Feasibility Study (A Clark, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Duelling (6th), 16 Fan Club (4th), 20 Buzzler (5th), 25 Mildred. 7 ran. ½l, nk, 3l, 3l, 2l. P Cole at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.20; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £8.00. DCF: £11.88.

3.45 (1m 8yd) 1, TURCY BOY (B Rouse, 9-1); 2, Balmacara (R Fox, 8-1); 3, New Zealand (J Mercer, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Lotus Princess (5th), 5 Tapiola, Special Settlement, 14 Able Dan, Northern Malo (6th), 20 Barrance (4th), Imperial Princess, Rutcha, Lacefield. 12 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 2½l, 3l, ¾l. C Benstead at Epsom. TOTE: £7.80; £2.30, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £38.50: CSF: £68.99. Tricast: £658.53.

4.15 (1m 150yd) 1, DRAGON FIRE (M Fry, 15-8 fav); 2, Rant and Rave (N Howe, 33-1); 3, Harbour Bridge (B Rouse, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ballymenoch (5th), 6 Boyne (4th), 7 Brigadier Hawk (6th), 9 Music City, 12 Norroy. 8 ran. ½l, 3l, 1l, nk, ¾l. M Eckley at Ludlow. TOTE: £3.00; £1.00, £4.50, £2.50. DF: £38.80. CSF: £42.31. Music City finished fourth but was disqualified for rider failing to weigh-in.

4.45 (1m 3f & 150yds) 1, CRAZY (A Clark, 5-1); 2, Avicada (D McHargue, 10-1); 3, Fair And Wise (J Matthias, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Forage, 15-2 Shenestone (4th), 25 Knight's Heir, 33 Wathba (5th), Shanyoup (6th), Little Town Flirt. 9 ran. 15l, 2½ 7l, 12l, ¾l. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE: £5.20; £2.90, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £16.90. CSF: £48.59.

Placepot: £131.70.

Nottingham

Going: firm

2.0 (5f): 1, AL SYLAH (A Murray, 11-8 fav); 2, Tuxford Hideaway (S Perks, 8-1); 3, Imperial Time (T Ives, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 10 Glazepta Town, 14 Jesterinn, Sanaan, Sliderous (6th), 20 Brampton Thatcher, Candy Rose (5th), 25 Julie Bravo (4th), 33 Cedar Room, (4th), Taylors Renovation, The Huyton Flyer, Theresa. 14 ran. 2½l, 2l, 3l, nk, 1½l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. TOTE: £2.50; £1.50, £1.10, £1.30. CSF: £11.60.

2.30 (5f): 1, ERNIE BILKO (M Birch, 7-2); 2, John Fresh (K Darley, 5-2); 3, Bathea (W Ryan, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ivan-Jo (5th), 14 Malowski (6th), 25 Tokano, Little Yarch (4th) Parm Krisp. 8 ran. ½l, 4l, 7, ¾l, 2½l. C Tinkler at Malton. TOTE: £2.10; £2.30, £1.70, £3.00. DF:£10.20. CSF: £13.23 Bought in for 2,600 *guineas.*

3.0 (6f): 1, B A POUNDSTRETCHER (W Carson, 8-1); 2, Heather Croft (T Ives, 5-1 fav); 3, Central Carpets (K Darley, 16-1); 4, Adjusted (S Perks, 12-1); ALSO RAN: 6 Mel's Choice, 9 Imperial Lantern, 12 Gentle Star, Meeson King, 16 Music Night, Tolaklo (6th) 20 Chaplin's Club, China Gold, Rwa-Zulu, Mr Rose, Non-Wet, Water Pistol, 33 Godlord, Portadora, Dragon Rocket, Lagakoria, Arms Girl, Deuces Wild, Wensum Lass. 23 ran. 1½l, 1l, hd, nk, 1l. J Spearing at Alcester. TOTE: £8.90; £2.30, £2.20, £3.30, £2.90. DF: £9.10. CSF: £52.78. Tricast: £891.15.

3.30 (1m 2f) 1, KEYOPS (P Cook, 12-1); 2, Bespoke (W Carson, 11-8 fav); 3, Roccade Lad (R Cochrane, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 16-2 Love Walked in (4th), Nadirah, 8 Helicabmudwrester (6th). 10 Campus Boy (5th). See-Saw, 12 Up Broadway, 16 Ploughman's. 10 ran. 1l, 8l, 8l, 2½l, 4l. G Hunter at East Ilsley. TOTE: £14.20; £6.80, £1.00, £6.80. DF: £17.40. CSF: £30.22. TRICAST: £175.81.

4.0 (1m 2f) 1, BISHOP'S RING (W R Swinburn, 4-1); 2, Arclaringe (G Duffield, 14-1); 3, Sassanoco (A Murray, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Zenjebeel (6th), 11-2 Lined, 8 Connaught Prince (4th), 9 Megiddo, 14 Bloffield Express (5th), 16 Without, 20 Polynor, Con Carni, Electrified, Rose Of Harpenden, Royal Agenda, Sweet Whit. 15 ran. NR: Electrical Wind. ¾l, nk, 1½, 5l, 1½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.40; £1.50, £6.50, £1.90. DF: (1st or 2nd with any other) £1.60. CSF: £57.34.

4.30 (1m 5f) 1, ARDOONY (S Perks, 6-1); 2, Going Broke (W Carson, 5-2 fav); 3, Crimson Knight (R Cochrane, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Treasure Hunter (4th), Al Nasr (6th), 10 Glenhawk (5th), 14 Indian Moonshine, Sausage, 33 Mathemagician, Golden Shairy. 10 ran. NR: Noble Way, Worth Avenue, Bushy Bay. Sh hd, 1l, 1½l, 1l, 1l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. TOTE: £5.90; £2.40, £1.40, £3.90. DF: £10.60. CSF: £21.17. TRICAST: £111.91.

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RACING

Redmead boosts French hopes

From Desmond Stoneham, French Racing Correspondent
Paris

The only French runner now bound for Newmarket is Bountiful, who will contest the 2000 Guineas on Saturday. John Fellows will give this colt his final breeze tomorrow morning and the colt will be sent to England on Friday.

Bountiful was fourth behind Siberian Express, Green Paradise, and Mendez in the recent Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) and the colt had previously defeated Procida in the Prix Montenica. This form was given a boost at Saint-Cloud yesterday when Redmead won the group three Prix du Muguet from African Joy and Pluralisme. In a gallop at Chantilly racecourse last Wednesday, Procida had easily accounted for the older Redmead.

Naishakar was an absentee from the Prix du Muguet because of the firm ground and Pluralisme was then made favourite. African Joy set out to make all the running from Temujin, Morse Code and Pluralisme, who took over halfway up the straight.. Cash Asmussen then slipped Redmead into top gear and the pair went on to win by a neck.



François Boutin: ambitious programme for Romildo.

Pluralisme ran on to take third place while Lester Piggott and Temujin faded to finish fourth.

François Boutin, Redmead's trainer, will run him next in the Prix Dollar at Longchamp on May 26. Boutin also said that Romildo, who won Sunday's Prix Ganay, would run next in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Ascot then the Eclipse and the Benson and Hedges.

On hearing the news that the Aga Khan's Yashgan had been backed in England for the Epsom Derby, Alain de Royer-Dupré commented: "Yes, this could be the colt's objective, but I prefer people to be cautious until he has run in the Lupin on May 13."

Royer-Dupré's other top colt, Darshaan, will turn out for the Prix Hocquart at Longchamp on Sunday where among his many rivals will be Long Mick and Cariellor. Darshaan was an impressive five-lengths winner of the Prix Greffulhe.

Rumours that Walter Swinburn has been "jocked off" All Along are totally denied by Patrick Biancone. He said: "All Along comes back into serious training in June and Walter will ride.

SAINT-CLOUD RESULT

PRIX DU MUGUET (1m): 1, REDMEAD (C Asmussen); 2, African Joy (A Gibert); 3, Pluralisme (F Head). ALSO RAN: Temujin (4th), Morse Code (5th), Gem Diamond. 6 ran. NR: Naishakar. Nk, 4l. 1m 35.9s. F Boutin.
PARI-MUTUEL: 5.20; 2.80. DF: 12.20.

● Following the exploits of Newmarket trainer Paul Kelleway's daughter Gay – now a professional – comes the news that another Kelleway daughter, Sarah, aged 18, has taken out a Jockey Club licence to ride as an amateur.

Kelso

GOING: firm

2.15 SUNLAWS NOVICE HURDLE (4-y-o: £520: 2m) (6 runners)

3 943 Hubil 10-12 ... P Tuck
6 00 Marsh Track 10-12 ... P A Charlton
7 24p No Butts 10-12 ... A Stringer
9 224 Six O Six Auction 10-12 ... J O'Neill
10 300 Swift Service 10-12 ... A Brown
11 004 Sydaisky 10-12 ... S Charlton

6-4 Six O Six Auction, 3 Hubil, 5 Swift Service, 6 No Butts.

2.45 HADDINGTON JUBILEE CUP (Handicap chase: £1,333: 2m 6f) (7)

2 4p4 Jetharts Here 10-11-9 ... Mr R Shiels 7
3 0f1 Blue Reef 9-11-9 ... R Lamb
5 p32 Foggy Buoy 10-11-3 ... J O'Neill
6 00x Roswell Raver 11-11-3 ... D Nolan
11 000 Gold Invader 11-1-0 ... A Stringer
17 000 Saint-Mimas (B) 10-10-0 ... R Earnshaw
18 320 Olive Press 7-10-0 ... NON-RUNNER

9-4 Foggy Buoy, 7-2 Jetharts Here, 4 Roswell Raver.

3.15 REGENCY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,331: 2m) (5)

4 212 Pause For Thought 7-11-7 ... C Grant
9 034 Boy Sandford 5-11-0 ... P Tuck
13 203 Holly Buoy 4-10-0 ... M Dwyer
15 044 Laurence Parsons 7-10-0 ... M Ennis
17 100 Nimbo 6-10-0 ... Mr N Waggott 7

7-4 Pause For Thought, 5-2 Boy Sandford, 3 Holly Buoy, 5 Laurence Parsons, 12 Nimbo.

3.45 HUME AMATEUR RIDERS' NOVICE HURDLE (£681: 3m 1f 120yd) (12)

2 p00 First Known (B) 6-12-7 ... R Robinson 7
4 100 Golden Ty 6-12-7 ... –
7 032 Pilton 6-12-7 ... P J Dun 7
8 003- Springwood 7-12-7 ... A Eubank
9 0-30 Telegraph Bush 7-12-7 ... R Shiels 7
11 002 Hasty Import 5-12-6 ... Miss R Lock 7
12 004 Maracas Bay (B) 5-12-6 ... Miss T Waggott 7
14 000 Bush Wire 9-12-2 ... Mrs G Minto 7
15 000 Bardel Bowman 4-11-9 ... T Reed 7
16 004 Rebel Peril 4-11-8 ... –
17 0 Cheeny's Brig 4-11-4 ... B MacTaggart 7
18 000 Good Going Girl 4-11-4 ... –

15-8 Pilton, 7-2 Hasty Import, 5 Rebel Peril, 7 Maracas Bay.

4.15 S M T UNITED BORDER HUNT HUNTER CHASE (amateurs: £1,043: 3m) (7)

1 11 Cheerie Chief 8-12-7 ... K Anderson 7
2 122 Colonel Henry 8-12-7 ... R Drysdale 7
5 f32 Melodic Lad 9-12-7 ... J Peckitt 7
9 2/2-p Queensberry Lad 12-12-4 ... G MacMillan
11 pp Lucky Fred 9-12-0 ... T Reed 7
12 b0s Ratherne 11-12-0 ... M Meagher 4
14 f0-0 Whiggie Geo 12-12-0 ... N Totty 7

11-10 Cheerie Chief, 100-30 Colonel Henry, 5 Whiggie Geo, 7 Queensbury Lad.

4.45 MELLERSTAIN NOVICE CHASE (£778: 2m 196yd) (5)

1 u11 Hot Pretence 7-12-2 ... B Storey 4
2 411 Mr Coggy 6-11-6 ... Mr P J Dun 7
9 142 On Leave 7-10-10 ... A Stringer
11 0-p2 Trafalgar Bill 7-10-10 ... C Pimlott
12 100 Spartando 6-10-5 ... D McCaskill

5-4 Mr Coggy, 5-2 Hot Pretence, 4 On Leave, 6 Trafalgar, 14 Spartando.

5.15 ROGER FISHER STAKES (National Hunt flat race: £857: 2m) (11)

3 00 Greenhill Henry 5-11-5 ... Mr D Robertson
7 30 Antarctica 4-11-0 ... Miss M Bell
8 Border Minstrel 6-11-0 ... –
9 4 Drumdragon 4-11-0 ... J D Davies 7
12 00 Milton Lockhard 5-11-0 ... Mr R Robinson 7
13 30 Our Louise 5-11-0 ... Mr R J Beggan 4
14 03 Rash Prince 4-11-0 ... Mr J Walton
16 Siberian Dancer 4-11-0 ... Ruth Hargreaves 7
18 00 Street Secret 4-11-0 ... P Locker 7
19 Game Spinney 4-10-9 ... –
20 00 Sweetly Given 4-10-9 ... A MacWilliams 7

11-4 Drumdragon, 7-2 Rash Prince, 4 Antarctica, 6 Our Louise.

KELSO SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 2.15 Six O Six Auction. 2.45 Foggy Buoy. 3.15 Pause For Thought. 3.45 Pilton. 4.15 Cheerie Chief. 4.45 Hot Pretence. 5.15 Drumdragon.

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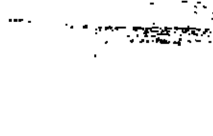
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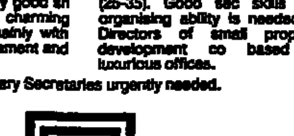
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Why the timeshares they are a-changing in Britain

By Christopher Warman
Property correspondent

Timesharing – the purchase of one week or more in a cottage, flat or hotel suite for a period of years or in perpetuity – has grown quickly in Britain since 1979 when the first substantial scheme opened at The Osborne, Torquay.

The latest figures show that there are now 41 timeshare resorts in the UK and 20,000 timeshare owners, comparing with a world total of a million owners at 1,200 resorts in 38 countries. There have been unhappy examples of timeshare schemes in the last five years where developers have failed to complete their projects through lack of funds, but they have been few. The British Property Timeshare Association, (0787 247930), which represents the vast majority of British property developments, now has a code of conduct, an *insurance bond package and* a consumer protection committee, to give credibility and assurance to a concept rapidly increasing in popularity.

The entry into the field of Barratt, Britain's larget housebuilder has signalled the acceptance of timesharing by the big developers, and with four resorts, including Loch Rannoch in the Scottish highlands, Barratt is *the largest British timeshare company.*

It is clearly not everyone's idea of bliss to be committed to a week or two in the same accommodation in the same place year after year, although there are many people who do enjoy going back to places they know. One of the main attractions of timesharing as it develops and expands is the wide range of exchanges that can be achieved.

Given that your week is at the same or higher seasonal classification – high, mid or low – you can take your holiday at any resort, home or abroad, with the exchange arrangements.

At Court Barton, South Devon, a 13-unit development, the buyer of the cheapest week, in early December, can still have a week in Bermuda for a change.

Court Barton, at South Huish and near to Salcombe, has 11 cottages, a "round house" and a penthouse formed out of 100-year-old stone farm buildings. It has been developed by Michael Groom, – after he bought the adjoining Court Barton House – and Bernard Pratt and was completed last month. Accommodation ranges from one to *three bedrooms, with all the* units totally self-contained but with central facilities which include a sauna and solarium, an outside and an indoor swimming pool, hard tennis court, dressage arena and stabling, a private restaurant and bar and a small conference or games room.

Michael Groom has deliberately kept the development small and there will be no future expansion, in order to keep it exclusive.

While many schemes involve buying a unit in perpetuity, Groom has structured Court Barton as a company in which every owner has a share and which will be wound up in the year 2007. The assets will be sold *and divided among shareholders.*

He believes there is little point in longer interest in timeshare developments, and intends that the shareholders will be able to make a capital gain through their investment. The units cost from £1,650 to £7,250, and so far 325 of the 559 available weeks (it is occupied for 43 weeks in the year) have been sold. Groom has aimed his delightful development at the top end of the market and is pleased that many of his shareholders are the sort of professional people sceptical about timeshare.

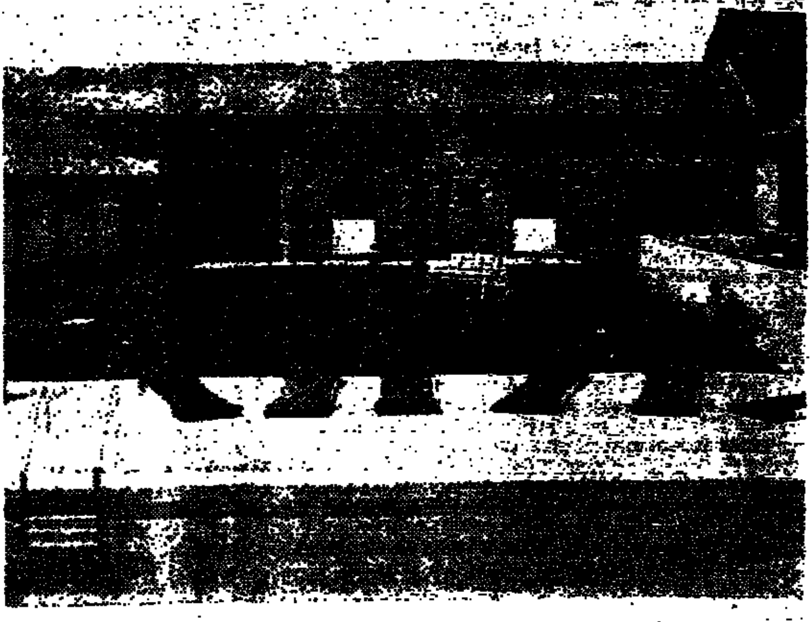
The list includes a judge, solicitors, accountants – cautious investors all – as well as companies such as Colt Mitsubishi, who have bought several weeks for their staff. In addition to the capital cost, the shareholders pay a *management* fee (as in all such developments) of £70 a week, to cover rates, staff, and a sinking fund for repairs and refurbishment. Since the management company is owned by the shareholders, they do their best to keep costs down. (Information: Kingsbridge (0548) 561919.

It is a scheme which is clearly working, helped by its small scale. The Lake District is another popular area for timeshare, and the Lakeland Village at Newby Bridge, near the southern end of Lake Windemere, has just marked another stage in its £15m development.

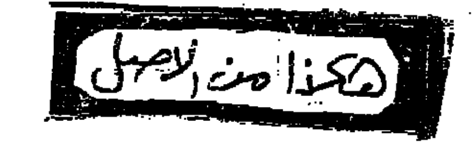
The development, by the Douglas Group and Kenning Motor Group, has as its centrepiece the Whitewater Hotel, converted from an old dye mill making Dolly Blue to make the wash whiter than white. The hotel, which was opened last month, will have several timeshare apartments starting in June, and six cottages are already available.

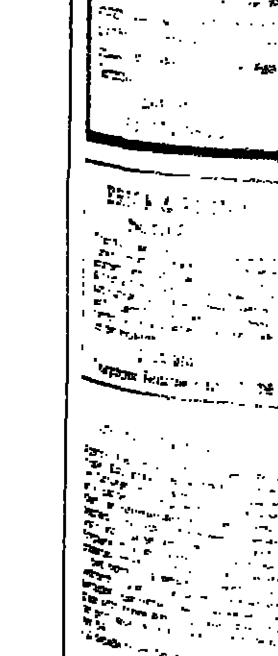
The Lakeland Village (0448 31144), beautifully sited on the riverside, will eventually have 85 units and a leisure centre, and prices range from £1,275 for a one-bedroom unit to £6,495 for a two-bedroom cottage for a share which lasts until 2064.

When the mill closed, 50 local jobs were lost, and the developers of the village claim they have brought employment back to the village. Some of the locals are not happy with such a large new "village" but the architects, the Vis Williams Partnership of Merseyside, have restored the 400-year-old mill spectacularly, and they are very conscious of the need to blend the new units into the picturesque valley.



Converted farm buildings, 100 years old, surround the garden and swimming pool at Court Barton, a timeshare development of 11 cottages a penthouse and a "roundhouse" which in earlier days saw the milling of grain





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■ Part of the nineteenth century Old Baptist Chapel at Angmering, West Sussex, converted into a modern home, is for sale at £74,500 through King and Chasemore's Rustington office. It comprises the eastern section of the original chapel and includes Gothic windows, arched beams and the original arched entrance porch in the three-bedroom accommodation.

Dun Romanoff

■ With an appropriately evocative name, Romanoff Lodge, a gothic house in the heart of the Old spa town of Royal Tunbridge Wells, is for sale around £200,000 through Braxtons' country house department at Tunbridge Wells. The Lodge was built in 1852 by Thomas Allfree, tutor to the children of Czar Nicholas I. The house has recently been restored and refitted over an 11-year period, employing artists, carvers and stonemasons to reproduce the work of the period, with walls and ceilings painted to give a trompe d'oeil effect by Alan Dodd.

■ The former home of Gracie Fields in Frognal Way, Hampstead, is for sale through Anscombe and Ringland at £347,500. The house, specially built for the singer in 1932, has influences of a Mediterranean villa and is situated in an exclusive and private road. The property was refurbished in 1980 and includes four bedrooms, three with bedroom suites, and three reception rooms.

By the book

■ The fifteenth-century bookshop occupying the lovely position almost in the shadow of the towers of Wells Cathedral is for sale at about £200,000 through Humberts' commercial department in Yeovil in conjunction with Palmer Snell of Wells. The Wellspring Bookshop includes The Penniless Porch, built by Bishop Bekynton in about 1450, the customary place for beggars to ask alms of those attending the cathedral. Above the bookshop is a residence including a reception room, studio, panelled room and six bedrooms, all of which overlook the walled garden.



The largely nineteenth-century Bowland House, centre of the Bowland Estate in the Scottish borders, is probably one of the finest Scottish estates to come to the market this year. Bell-Ingram, of Edinburgh, (031-225 3271) are asking £1.5m for the 6,040-acre estate, in Galashiels, about 30 miles from Edinburgh. The house was built around 1500 by the Archbishop of St Andrews as a hunting lodge, but was enlarged in 1814 and has had later additions. It has three reception rooms six principal bedrooms and six bathrooms; the estate has four farms, with farmhouse, a gate lodge and nine principal estate/farm cottages. It also includes a grouse moor averaging 552 brace, low ground shooting and trout fishing. It is for sale with vacant possession in 12 lots.

Concrete cases

The Housing Defects Bill, given its second reading in the House of Commons last week, covers prefabricated reinforced concrete houses of 28 types, Ian Gow, Minister of Housing and Construction, has now explained.

After work on many type of PRC houses, the Building Research Establishment's main conclusion is that all prefabricated reinforced concrete houses built before 1960 are gradually deteriorating as a result of carbonation on the concrete, and in some cases, the presence of high levels of chloride. The list of types which will give their owners eligibility for assistance under the Bill is: Airey, Boot, Butterley, Cornish Unit Dorran, Dyke CC, Gregory, Hamish Cross, Lindsay, Myton, Newland, Orlit, Parkinson Frame, Reema Hollow Panel, Schindler, Stent, Stonecrete, Stour, Tarran, Teebeam, Underdown, Unitroy, Unity, Waller, Wates, Whitson-Fairhust, Winget and Woolway.

The Bill gives help to owners who bought council homes, later found to be defective, and it is estimated that about 16,500 owners are included in the proposals, under which grants of up to 100 per cent will be offered for repairs. The scheme could cost £250m.

Local authorities will be under a statutory duty to assist those eligible either by a repair grant or repurchase. The Government is to meet 90 per cent of the repair costs and will also provide 75 per cent of the authority's expenditure in excess of a home's effective value in cases of repurchase.

About 170,000 of the prefabricated houses were built in Britain, mainly during the 1950s. The cost of repairs could be about £8,000 a house, but to repurchase them would cost about £18,000.

The words "designed before 1960" are significant in that houses built after 1960 but designed before that date will be included in the designation, and this will apply particularly to Cornish Unit Types I and II and the Reema Hollow Panel type, which continued to be built after 1960.

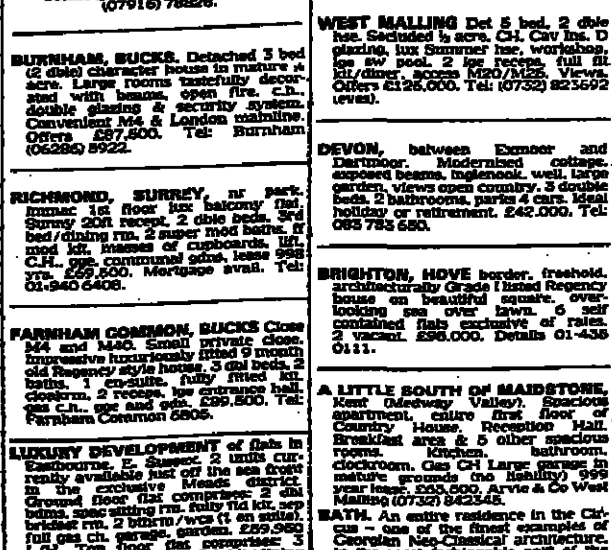
Local authorities and housing organizations are still not happy with the Government's measures, which they claim, do not go far enough. John Donnelly, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities' housing committee, believes that the Bill "only plays at meeting the crisis".

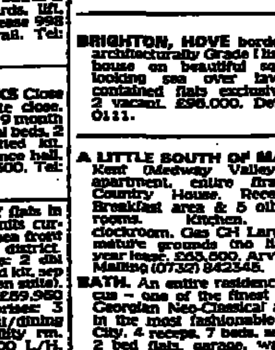
The AMA estimates that there are about £10,000m worth of housing defects, affecting 300 types of industrialized housing waiting to be repaired.

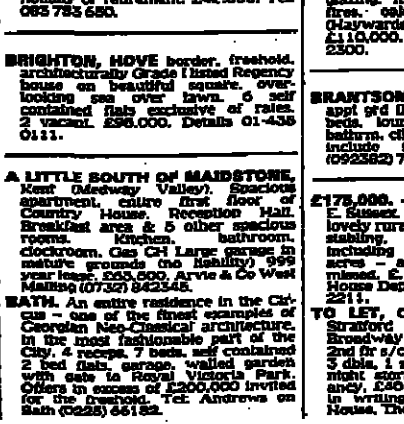
Shelter, the national compaign for the homeless, argues that the Bill may help up to 16,500 owners, but "the number of potentially defective dwellings could be as high as 1.5m, most of them rented from the council". They want the Government to commit itself to dealing with defects in all homes, whether owned or rented.

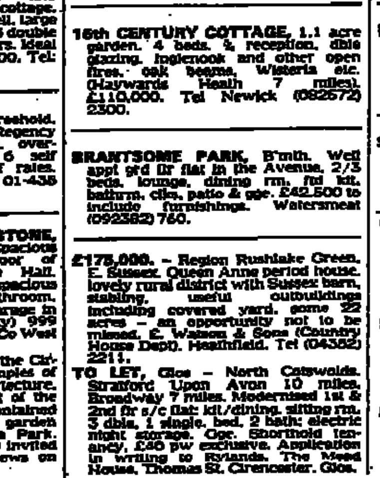
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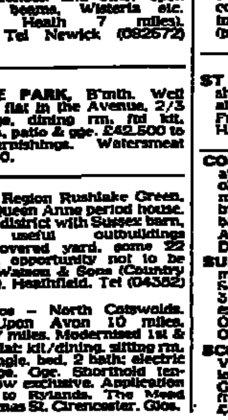


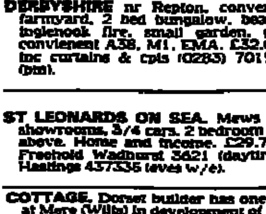


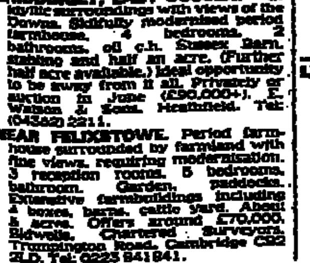


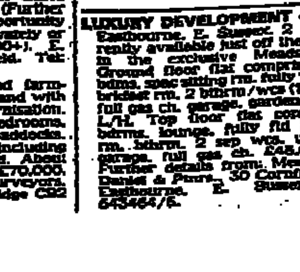


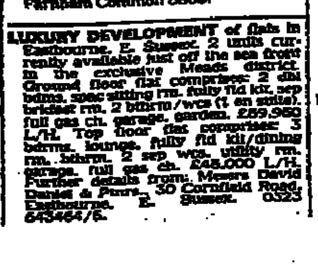




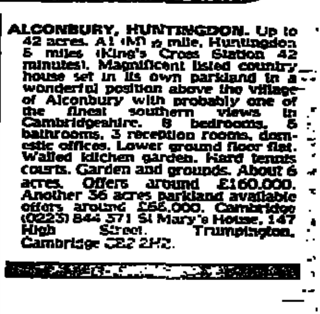








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In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948

By order of the High Court of Justice dated the 30th day of March, 1983, I, Richard Eaglesfield Floyd Chartered Accountant of 218 Strand, London, WC2R 1DG have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1984.
R. E. FLOYD
Liquidator

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED OF DENMARK

The Ordinary General Meeting

will be held at Industriens Hus, H. C. Andersens Boulevard, Copenhagen, on Tuesday the 22nd May, 1984, at 4 pm.

AGENDA

1. Report on the Company's business during the past year.
2. Presentation of the audited accounts and Group accounts for 1983.
3. Adoption of the profit and loss account and balance sheet, and giving discharge to the Board of Directors and the Board of Management.
4. Approval of the proposed distribution of profit for the past year and of the proposed dividend.
5. Election to the Board of Directors.
6. Election of two Auditors for the current year.

From the 2nd May 1984 the Agenda and the complete proposals to be submitted to the General Meeting, together with the Company and the Group Accounts, and the Auditors' report, will be open to the inspection of shareholders at the Company's offices. They will also be sent to all shareholders noted in the Company's register of shareholders.

Cards of admission may be obtained from the Company's offices (in London, 5, St Helen's Place, not later than five days before the General Meeting) on shareholders proving their rights as such in accordance with Article 13, second paragraph, of the Articles of Association.

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9.00 Bellamy on Botany. David Bellamy follows the evolutionary path of the primrose. (r) **9.25 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School** (r) **10.55 Gharbar.** Asian women's magazine. **11.20 Ceefax.**

12.30 News, weather with Richard Whitmore. **12.57 Financial Report** and news headlines *(London only. Elsewhere: Regional news).*

1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Naughty but nice refers to Michael *Smith's recipes, not film critic* Tom Hutchinson's assessment of David Niven's Hollywood career.

1.45 Gran. Story narrated by Patricia Hayes (r) **1.50 Stop-Go!** Also for toddlers. **2.00 Droopy.** MGM cartoon.

2.15 Racing from Ascot covers the 2.30, 3.05 and 3.40 races. **3.55 Play School.** With Fred Harris. **4.20 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop** (r). **4.40 Take Two.** Junior Points of View returns with a new presenter in Josephine Buchan (her grandfather John wrote *The 39 Steps*). Swallows and Amazons Forever is among the programmes discussed by critical youngsters.

5.05 Newsround. With Paul McDowell. **5.10 Break Point.** Serial about would-be tennis stars (r).

5.40 Sixty Minutes begins with the news; then weather at 5.54, regional magazines at 5.55, closing headlines at 6.38.

6.40 The Best of Torvill and Dean. Career highlights of Britain's ice queen and king culled from their victorious passages through four world championship seasons. Includes the Mack and Mabel, Barnum and Bolero routines.

7.30 Film: Rio Lobo (1970) Civil War western was the parting shot from producer-director Howard Hawks, who had previously made *Rio Bravo* with rugged star John Wayne, in 1959. (Wayne also filmed *Rio Grande* with John Ford in 1950). The customary shoot-out finale has Colonel Wayne catching up with Confederate gold-robbers and a couple of traitors to the Union cause. Jennifer O'Neill, Jack Elam and Chris Mitchum also appear, as does Sherry Lansing (as Amelita) before she went on to become head of 20th Century Fox.

9.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservatives.

9.05 News, weather with Sue Lawley.

9.30 Our Henry's 50th. The Variety Club fetes the 50th birthday of boxer-turned-TV personality Henry Cooper, at the London Hilton. Among the names on the table plan: Tom O'Connor, Bobby Charlton, Terry Wogan, Jimmy Tarbuck, Peter Alliss, Harry Carpenter, and a music hall troupe from the Players Theatre.

10.20 Sportsnight. And a busy one for Harry Carpenter, who also presents this soccer-snooker double bill. Home international highlights are from the England v. Wales encounter at Wrexham (where Wales won 4-1 in 1980), while the World Professional snooker championship completes the quarter-final stage at the Crucible, Sheffield. The agenda also includes news about Britain's Olympic team.

12.10 News headlines and weather.

12.15 Closedown.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain: Nick Owen and John Stapleton link news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00; sport at 6.35, 7.33; pop video at 7.55; Magic Moments with Joyce Blair, at 8.15; Eve Pollard's showbiz gossip at 8.35.

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9.25 Thames News Headlines.

9.30 For Schools: Zulu Dawn. **9.47** Homes and Families. **10.04** Roman Invaders (r) **10.21** Nuclear Issues (r) **10.50** The reproductive system. **11.10** Nature in spring and summer (r) **11.22** Basic Maths. **11.40** History Around You.

11.55 Wattoo-Wattoo. 12.00 Atarah's Music: The Trumpet. **12.00 Sounds Like a Story:** The Lion and the Mouse. **12.30** *The Sullivans.*

1.00 News, weather.

1.20 Thames News.

1.30 A Plus. Gill Nevill in the near East (Lowestoft, actually) investigates enlightened management of the Far East at a Japanese-run factory.

2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 A Country Practice. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Atarah's Music (r) **4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Letty.** The wheelchair-bound private eye falls foul of illegal immigrant racketeers. **4.50 Razzmatazz.**

5.15 The Queen at the Garden Festival. Highlights of the royal opening of the International Garden Festival.

5.45 News, weather.

6.00 Thames News. 6.25 Help! How adults of all ages are entitled to further education.

6.35 Crossroads. Mavis makes husband Sid feel that small.

7.00 The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. The entries this week meander between October 1906 and 1913, as the nature-loving Edith Holden (played by Pippa Guard) reflects on the family's last, lingering, days at Gowan Bank and her move to London with husband Ernest. Not much cowslip communing there.

7.30 Coronation Street. Will Vera the machinist end up sewing mail bags?

8.00 The British Beauty Championships. Loftily-titled beauty contest not only packs its 15 finalists off to Malta just to parade in their swimming costumes, but then has them compete in a "Beauty on Wheels" car rally against the clock, thereby adding the possibility of injury to insult. Crooner Tony Monopoly, who provides the cabaret, once, I believe, had ambitions of becoming a monk. Judith Chalmers and Peter Marshall pretend it's an Event at the Royalty Theatre in London.

9.00 Mr Palfrey of Westminster. Alec McCowen's pinstriped spy knows better than to judge a book, never mind a book-man, by its cover when a celebrated Soviet novelist (Julian Glover) seeks to defect.

10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservatives.

10.05 News at Ten, and Thames News Headlines.

10.35 Film: Love at First Bite (1979). Another Dracula movie might have been a pain in the neck, had it not been for Robert Kaufman's affectionately tongue-in-cheek script and George Hamilton's thankfully uncamp vampire, just another deviant in freak-filled New York City. Susan Saint James is a model he'd like to share his casket with, Arte Johnson is his Munsterish manservant Renfield. His success here inspired Hamilton to make an equally admirable Zorro spoof.

12.25 Night thoughts and Closedown.

Sir John Gielgud (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

CHOICE

● Soccer writer Julie Welch bravely shows the yellow card to those of us who, mercifully able to stand on our own two feet, take the gift for granted. In her potently-titled play, STILL LIFE (BBC 2, 9.30pm), she issues a grim and unavoidably depressing reminder about society's attitude to those who are sound in mind but not in body. Too often they are, at best, objects of pity or admiration, and, at worst, a nuisance. And readers who may be shocked at this perhaps ought not to visit the ward in which Ms Welch's characters are unflinchingly open about the personal cost of their disablement. None more so than the cynical, bitter, frustrated, fallen jockey Frank Murphy (Bernard Hill still full of the black stuff), who lives up to his first name by gnawing away at the self-confident optimism of a new arrival (Michael Kitchen): "Welcome to Paralysis Palace, Mr Cannon, where they make you feel four feet tall." This is gallows humour designed to make us understand, not just laugh.

● Murphy's double-edged welcome, turned against him, could not be more appropriate in the context of PASSAGE TO BRITAIN (Channel 4, 6.00pm). This week's dip into the melting pot produces an Irish stew that has been thickened for centuries, thanks to heavy-handed stirring by generations of scornful Englishmen. During the industrial revolution, Irish immigrants were received with open arms to help build roads, railways and canals. But they also became the butt of a national humour and the victims of a strangely lasting prejudice. David Cohen's well-illustrated documentary reminds us that Sheridan, Shaw and Wilde defied the 'thick Mick' stereotype, while psychiatrist Anthony Clare, another Irishman who has enriched English cultural life, adds that "Irish jokes reveal an insecurity which the Irish in Britain have no reason to fear." What they do fear, however, is a backlash against Irish attrocities on the mainland.

● Unable to reform the reform schools, state commissioner Jerome Miller closed most of them down. THE MASSACHUSETTS ALTERNATIVE (Radio 4, 8.15pm) was to send the juvenile delinquents back home. This fascinating report studies the effects of the short, sharp shock to the system he believed merely brutalised offenders, then listens to Dr Miller being cross-examined by a British panel of those involved in juvenile law.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: 17th Century Navigation. **6.55** Nobody's Friend. **7.20** Mendelssohn's Dream. **7.45** Porphyry Copper Deposits. **8.10** Closedown. **9.00 Ceefax.**

10.25 World Snooker and Racing from Ascot. The chalk deposits grow at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Racing begins at **2.00** with the first flat race of the year. Then coverage switches to BBC1.

5.10 Special Needs in Education. Open University study of how the school system copes with receptive aphasia, a language disorder.

5.35 News summary and weather.

5.40 Cartoon Two: Boom. United Nations film about our nuclear follies.

5.50 Film: At Gunpoint (1955) His darling, Dorothy Malone, may not forsake him, but the rest of the town do when mild-mannered storekeeper Fred MacMurray accidentally kills a bank robber, then waits for his high noon when the dead man's brother and gang ride in. Walter Brennan plays the doc in this obvious imitation of the Gary Cooper-Fred Zinnemann Oscar winner. Alfred Werker's direction was, well, Werkermanlike.

7.10 Swallows and Amazons Forever! The last quarter of this nostalgia-hued version of *The Bix Six*, aimed, I suspect, at parents rather than their Grange Hill graduated youngsters. John Woodvine plays PC Tedder.

7.35 World Snooker. Quarter-final.

9.00 Entertainment USA. Another televised letter from America, though this week the package from Jonathan King is post-marked Puerto Rico. The contents reveal American tourists enjoying the island's high life, salsa music and native pop group Menudo, a sort of Hispanic Osmonds, we are warned.

9.30 Still Life. Unavoidably depressing, but well-drawn slice of hospital life by Julie Welch, stars Michael Kitchen and Bernard Hill *(see Choice).*

10.10 Liverpool's World Garden. Chris Kelly and BBC greenfingers Peter Seabrook tiptoe through the tulips etc in the wake of the Queen's opening visit to the international flower-fest earlier today.

10.50 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservatives.

10.55 Newsnight.

11.40 The Twilight Zone*: A Passage for Trumpet. Jack Klugman plays an alcoholic jazz-man on a bender chillingly devised by series creator Rod Serling. (r)

12.05 Open University: Computing – Simplex Method. Programming problems. **12.30** Inquiry: Colour. Perception.

1.00 Closedown.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Countdown. Daily word game.

5.30 Great Walks. Shod with sturdy boots, armed with Ordinance Survey map and accompanied by Elgar, three youngsters stride out over the Malvern Hills on the first of six televised and highly scenic countryside walks. But it's all a bit Blue Peterish, with dollops of local folklore at each landmark, including an inspiring description of Caractacus that has him "an ace bloke, a really good guy". A more inspired director would have provided a few graphics to show us where we are from time to time. Television, for all its visual virtues, is not a good participation sport.

6.00 Passage to Britain: The Irish – Using the Mickey. Series on immigration through the ages examines the historically uneasy relationship between the English and the Irish *(see Choice).*

6.30 Daley Thompson's Bodyshop. Sight of the week – Dame Edna Everage in bright pink tights, rainbow leg-warmers and flimsy blue mini-dress engaging in PT with the hunky decathlete: "Is there any little muscle you've got, Daley, that you've sent a message to and it hasn't taken any notice of?"

7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.50 Comment. By Winifred Ewing of the Scottish National Party.

8.00 Brookside. Domestic harmony is restored chez Grant.

8.30 Diverse Reports promise a hard-hitting piece on the undercover operations of British Military Intelligence in Northern Ireland. Christopher Hird and Duncan Campbell fear that innocent civilians have suffered.

9.00 Six Centuries of Verse. Chaucer and Ted Hughes are at either end of the tapestry woven for this elegant celebration of English-language poetry, delivered by a distinguished company led by Sir John Gielguid. Among those reciting against appropriate settings in this sampler are Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Ian Richardson, Cyril Cusack (late Yeats) and Lee Remick (Emily Dickinson).

9.30 Film: Mouth to Mouth (1978). Committed contemporary film by writer-director John Duigan follows the unlawful adventures of two errant teenagers and their boyfriends as they make out in wintery Melbourne. Kim Krejus, Sonia Peat, Serge Frazetto and Ian Gilmour are the young squatters.

11.20 Voices. All Thought Out – Intellectuals in the Age of Uncertainty is tonight's nightcap from Edward Said and fellow thinkers Julia Kristeva, Roger Scruton, David Caute, Raymond Williams and Ray Pahl.

12.20 Ian Breakwell's Continuous Diary. Ends 12.30.

Radio 4

6.00 News briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming today; 6.25 Shipping forecast
6.30 Today, incl. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News; 6.45 Prayer for the Day; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.57 Weather; travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with studio guests.†
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Scotland.
10.30 Morning Story: 'The Holiday' by Judy Arliss. The reader is Patricia Gallimore.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel; West Germany. Baron Rudiger von Wechmar, the new Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, in conversation with Michael Charlton (r)
11.48 Just Like You and Me: How to Straighten out a Python – Johnny Morris calls on his 25 years of dealing with animals
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Curlew in Autumn by Edward Boyd (4). Thriller serial (r)
1.00 The World at One: News
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast (by the Conservative Party)
1.40 The Archers; 1.55 Shipping forecast
2.00 Woman's Hour. Today's edition includes an interview with the Maharani of Jaipur, Gayatri Devi. There is also the third instalment of Jerome K Jerome's book My Life and Times.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Hanging at Weeping Friday, by Roy Bolitho. Black comedy, set in 1809, about a Cornish town in which Tommy Gray (Ray Handy) is about to be hanged for stealing a watch. With Brett Usher, Conrad Phillips and Stephen Sylvester
3.47 I got up out of my seat. Another story of someone who went to a Billy Graham rally
4.00 News; Pain Stops Play. David Icke introduces the views of top sporting men and women and talks to doctors involved with sporting injuries
4.40 Story Time: 'Time after Time' by Molly Keane (5)
5.00 PM: News Magazine; 5.50 Shipping Forecast; 5.55 Weather; Programme News
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 My Music. Musical Panel Game, chaired by Steve Race.
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Checkpoint with Roger Cook
7.45 Fat Man on a Roman Road – The Country of Many Weathers: Newcastle to Musselburgh. The 'fat man' is Tom Vernon (r)
8.15 The Massachusetts Alternative. Key figures in the British juvenile justice system discuss an experiment which began in the state of Massachusetts in the early 1970s. Most of its large youth custody institutions were closed down. Real reform, it was hoped, would come from experimenting with alternatives for petty offenders. Among those taking part is Dr Jerome Miller, who was the State Commissioner of Youth Services
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes comment on V S Naipaul's Finding the Centre and his A House for Mr Biswas. Also the Joan Crawford season at the National Film Theatre.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Naples 44' by Norman Lewis (8)
10.30 The World Tonight: Headlines
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News
12.10 Weather
12.15 Shipping forecast.

ENGLAND: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; travel 1.55-2.00 pm Listening Corner 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00 Study on 4: Caribbean Links (4) 11-30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 Music Interlude 11.50 Choosing to be Unequal.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Beethoven's Romance in F Op 50(Suk/Prague SO); White's Christe qui lux es; Mozart's Piano Sonata K 545 (Andras Schiff); and Nielsen's Wind Quintet.† 8.00 News.
8.05 Midweek Choice: part two. Strauss's First Waltz sequence (Der Rosenkavalier), Dvorak's Song to the moon (Rusalka), sung by Lucia Popp; Ireland's April (Parkin, piano); and Haydn's Symphony No 49.† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Schoenberg. Jessye Norman sings the Song of the Wood-dove; also, A Survivor from Warsaw Op 46 (Gunter Reich). Erwartung Op 17 (Janis Martin, soprano).†
10.00 C P E Bach and J C Bach: various works on records including C P E Bach's Sonatina in E flat Wq 108, and J C Bach's Symphony in D, Op 3 No 1.†
10.45 Lieder in English: recital by Brian Rayner Cook (baritone) with Kathleen Uren (piano). Works by Schubert, Loewe and Schumann.†
11.30 Rachmaninov: the City of Birmingham SO, under Berglund, play the Symphony No 3.†
12.15 Concert Hall: piano recital by Wolfgang Manx. Beethoven's Sonata in C, Op 2 No 3; and Liszt's Harmonies du soir.† 1.00 News.
1.05 Off the Beaten Track: Miles Kington with records of Duke Ellington, Stan Tracey, Charles Mingus and others.†
1.30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra play Mozart's overture Don Giovanni; Grieg's Last Spring; Walter Hartley's Suite for Tuba; Wilfred Josephs's Four Aeilan Dances; Donald Swann's Two Moods, for tuba and piano; Glazunov's Concert Waltz No 1 in D Op 47; and Vaughan Williams's Tuba Concerto. John Fletcher (tuba)l and John Alley (piano).†
2.30 Patrick Piggott and Janacek: Medici String Quartet play Piggott's Fantasy Quartet; and Janacek: Quartet No 1.†
3.15 *Taneyev: David Oistrakh* and the Philharmonia play the Suite de concert.†
4.00 Choral Evensong: live from Chapel of Jesus, College, Cambridge.†4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Fritz Spiegl's selections.†
6.30 Debut: Brahms, Poulenc and Howells recital by Deborah Rees (soprano) with Sheelagh Gallwey as her accompanist. Works include Poulenc's La courte paille.†
7.00 Simple Minds: Dr Corey Goodman, of Stanford University, tells Professor Colin Blakemore about the new insights that his work have given into the way simple creatures – and possibly human beings – grow and develop.
7.30 Beethoven: Claudio Abbado conducts the LSO in this Royal Festival Hall concert. With Maurizio Pollini, piano, as soloist. Part one. The overture Leonore No 2: and the Piano Concerto No 5 †
8.15 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC.
8.35 Beethoven: part two. Symphony No 7.†
9.30 The Zither Player Underground: Roberta Berke's poems are read by Michael Pennington, James Kerry, Miranda Forbes and Pat Starr.
9.45 Early Music Network 1983/84: Part one. The London Pro Muscia play works by, inter alia, Tromboncino, Dalza, Busnois, Caprioli, Pisano and 1'Auila.†
10.30 Camerarities: Michael Hordern reads Colin McLaren's Damned Spots. (r)
10.40 Early Music Network: part two.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF only: Open University. 6.35am-6.55 Open Forum. 11.20-12.00pm 11.20 Social Sciences: Grapevine 11.40-12.0 First Order Response.

Gloria Hunniford (Radio 2, 2.05pm)

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm). Major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines: 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 (MF/MW). 4.00am Bill Rennells.† 5.30 Colin Berry.† 7.30 Terry Wogan† incl. 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Russell Harty.† 12.00 Steve Jones† incl. 1.05, 2.02 Sport. 2.05 Gloria Hunniford† incl. 3.02 Sport. 3.30 A Party Political Broadcast (by the Conservative Party). 3.35 Music All The Way† incl. 4.02 Sport. 4.05 David Hamilton† incl. 5.05, 6.02 Sport. 6.05 John Dunn† incl. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only). 7.30 Cricket Scores; International Soccer Special: Commentary from Wrexham on Wales v England in their last British Championship match. 9.30 Syd Lawrence in Concert† from the Playhouse Theatre, Manchester (VHF/MF). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years with Alan Keith. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride.† 3.00 The Mike Sammes Singers.† 3.30-4.00 Maryetta and Vernon Midgley.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and then 12.00 midnight (MF/MW).
6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies. Including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† **VHF Radios 1 and 2:** 4.00am With Radio 2. 7.30pm John Dunn.† 8.00 Space Force. Space thriller starring Barry Foster and Nigel Stock. (5): Threshold of the Stars. 8.25 BBC Radio Orchestra.† 9.15 Syd Lawrence in Concert from the Playhouse Theatre, Manchester.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Omnibus. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 That's Trad. 7.45 Report on Religion 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Peebles' Choice. 8.30 Two Cheers for April. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 These Musical Islands. 10.15 Patrick Manyn's Music Box. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 World Service Short Story. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Inspiration. 1.45 Holst and His Circle. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Middlemarch. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Counterpoint. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 London Royal. 9.15 World Service Short Story. 9.30 Jazz for the Asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 The Future of Work. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Waveguide. 12.40 Book Choice. 12.45 Two Cheers for April. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Monitor 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 London Royal. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 These Musical Islands. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

BBC1 WALES: 12.57-1.0pm News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 12.10am News headlines, weather, News of Wales headlines, Close. SCOTLAND: 12.55-1.0pm Scottish news. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 9.0-9.5 Party political broadcast by the Scottish Conservative Party. 12.10am News headlines, weather, Scottish news summary, close. NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.57-1.0pm Northern Ireland news. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland news. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 12.10am News headlines, weather, Northern Ireland news, Close. ENGLAND: 5.55pm Regional News Magazines. 12.15am Close.

S4C Starts: 2.00pm Pfalabalm. 2.15 Interval. 3.20 Kill or Cure. 4.05 4 What It's Worth. 4.30 Countdown. 5.05 Smyrffs. 5.35 Here's Lucy. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Jeopardy. 7.00 Newyddion. 7.30 Bara Brith. 8.00 Yr Un Hen Drwn. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 B-25. 10.10 Snwcer A Pêl-droed. 11.20 Arlott in Conversation. 12.15am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking 1.20-1.30 News 2.00-2.30 Sons and Daughters 3.30-4.00 Adventurer 5.10 Action Line 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Report 10.35 Queen at the Garden 11.05 Late Call 11.10 Devlin Connexion 12.10am Closedown

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.20 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.20am-Common as Much, followed by Closedown

TSW As London except: 12.30-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 Today South West. 12.20am Postscript. Closedown.

CHANNEL As Lodon except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lood Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 Channel Report. 10.00-10.10 Mysterious Tales.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking 1.20 Granada reports 1.30-2.00 Queen at the Garden Festival 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15 5.45 Queen at the Garden Festival 6.00 This is Your Right 6.05 Crossroads 6.30-7.00 Granada reports 10.35 Garden by the Mersey 11.05 Film: Family Secrets. Stories of three women whose marriages are complicated 12.50am Closedown

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.20am News, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.20am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 2.30-3.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.20am Good News, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.00am News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Benson 2.30 Vintage Quiz. 3.00-3.30 At Ease. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.20am Company, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Miracles Take Longer. 2.30-3.30 Devlin Connection. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.20am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Return of The Saint. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except. 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1 MF 1053kHz/285m or 1089kHz/275m. Radio 2 MF 693kHz/433m or 909kHz/330m. Radio 1/2 VHF 88-91MHz. Radio 3 VHF 90-92.5MHz, MF 1215kHz/247m. Radio 4 LF 200kHz/1500m and VHF 92-95MHz. Greater London Area MF 720kHz/417m. LBC MF 1152kHz/261m, VHF 97.3MHz. Capital MF 1548kHz/194m, VHF 95.8MHz. BBC Radio London MF 1458kHz/206m and VHF 94.9MHz. World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

Miner accuses miner as militant moderates besiege strikers





Man in the middle: Mr Ray Chadburn, the Nottinghamshire miners' leader, speaking at the Mansfield NUM headquarters, where strikers (left) and workers (right) staged rival demonstrations

Thousands of pitm- n clash in rival demonstrations

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when police stopped miners' cars on the A38 on the Derbyshire border and stones were thrown.

About 1,000 police were involved in controlling the two demonstrations and they lined up three deep to keep the two sides apart as union officials claimed that the strikers were being starved back to work.

The non-striking miners thronged behind a wire fence of a park only 50 yards from the Uniom building and some stones were hurled from each side. A bicycle chain thrown from the balcony narrowly missed a policeman and later a miner behind the fence was seen being led away with blood streaming from a head wound. Banners were waved; insults, jeers and abuse were offered by both sides in a crescendo of sound, but police said there were no arrests.

The non-strikers' rally was organized after repeated attempts by the frustrated area executive to get all the men to join the strike, and visits by Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president, to implore them to stop work.

In an area ballot however, the Nottinghamshire men voted by about three to one against striking and area delegates voted by almost the same margin to work normall until a national ballot was held.

The Nottinghamshire coalfield is now seen as crucial to the union's dispute strategy as its 25 pits represent most of those working normally in the country. None of the striking miners believes that mass picketing will again be tried to get them sto stop work.

Mr Chadburn and Mr Richardson arrived on the balcony of the union building crowded with their chanting supporters to chanrs of "Resign" and jeers and boos from the park bellow.

Leaders of the anti-strike demonstrators were given a police escort to address their supporters from the headquarters balcony. Mr Colin Bottomore, branch secretary at Bentinck colliery told the cheering crowd: "Nottinghmashire men want a ballot and Nottinghamshire will not strike without a ballot."

After the rally, striking miners claimed that the coal board had encouraged men still working to take a rest day so that they could join the anti-strike rally, and claimed also that coal board buses had been used to ferry the men to the rally.

The coal board said it was up to the miners when they took a rest day, and denied that it had anything to do with the rally, or getting to it.

● The port of Wivenhoe in north-east Essex was brought to a halt yesterday when more than 100 miners and Essex University students blocked the entrance to the wharf where coal from Europe is being unloaded. There were 69 arrests.

● Britain's second largest union is to urge the TUC to call a day of action in support of the pits strike. The "May Day" resolution was carried unanimously yesterday by the 52-member National Committee of the million-strong Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

● Hampshire Police have chartered a Boeing 737 to fly 120 officers to picket lines in the Nottinghamshire coalfields.

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Faces of conflict: Non-striking miners surge at a fence and a working pitman's head bleeds (Photographs: Brian Harris)

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh open the International Garden Festival, Liverpool, 11.30; and later open the new Liverpool Court House, 3.

The Duke of Edinburgh as President of the World Wildlife Fund International, visits Austria; departs Heathrow, 6.35.

Princess Anne attends the Annual Conference of the Royal British Legion Women's Section at the Opera House, Winter Gardens, Blackpool, Lancs, 2.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, dines with the Officers Past and Present of the London Scottish Regiment at the Caledoniam Club, 7.30.

Princess Margaret attends a Reception given by the Air League at Martini Terrace, New Zealand House to mark their 75th anniversary, 6.40.

The Duchess of Kent attends a Gala Concert in aid of the Elizabeth Fitzroy Homes at the Royal Overseas League, Overseas House, Park Place, London SW1, 7.50.

Princess Michael of Kent attends Admission Ceremonies on becoming a Liveryman of the Goldsmith's Company, Goldsmith's Hall, EC2, 11.

Princess Alexandra, President, attends the Centenary Thanksgiving Service of the Children's Country Holiday Fund in the Guard's Chapel, SW1, 11.55; and later attends the second "Sir John Keswick Memorial Lecture" in aid of PHAB (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied), at the Royal *Institution of Great Britain*, 21 Albermarle Street, W1, 5.45.

New exhibitions

Antrim Coast, 1777-1984: engravings, watercolours and oils, Bell Gallery, 13 Adelaide Park, **Belfast**: Mon to Fri 9 to 5, Sat 10.30 to 12.45, closed Sun (ends May 31).

Exhibitions of works by members of the Bloomsbury Group on loan from the Royal West of England Academy, Wiltshire Museum Gallery, 41 Long Street, **Devizes, Wilts**; Tues to Sat 11 to 1 and 2 to 4, closed Sun and Mon (ends May 31).

125 Acres of Sculpture, as part of the International Garden Festival, Sefton, **Liverpool**; Today from 2.30 to dusk, thereafter from 10 to dusk, Mon to Sun (7 days per week) (ends October 14).

Recent Works by Robert Jenkins, the Ginnel Gallery, Lloyds House, 16 Lloyd Street, **Manchester**; Mon to Fri 9 to 5, Thurs 9 to 8, closed Sat and Sun (ends May 25).

"Key Figures". Geoffrey Key exhibition; Looking Glass Gallery of Modern Arts, 53 Halifax Road, **Todmorden**; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30 (closed Sun & Mon – ends May 26).

Last chance to see

Works by Victorine Foot and Bill Wright *Scottish Gallery*, 94 George Street, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30, Sat 9 to 1, closed Sun (ends today).

Music

Recital by Caroline Thorn (violin) and Pamela Liddiard (piano), Wills Memorial Building, University of Bristol, Queen's Road, **Bristol**, 1.15.

Piano recital by Bernard d'Ascoli, North Worcestershire College, Southside Hall, **Bromsgrove**, Worcestershire, 7.45.

Piano recital by John Savory, Mumford Theatre, **Cambridge**, 1.10.

Recital by the Lakeland Chorale and Chamber Singers, **Canterbury Cathedral**, 12.00 noon.

Talks, lectures

Historic Bristol, Past and Present, *by Ted Houghton*, Temple Local History Group, St Stephen's Common Room, St Stephen's Church, **Bristol**, 7.30.

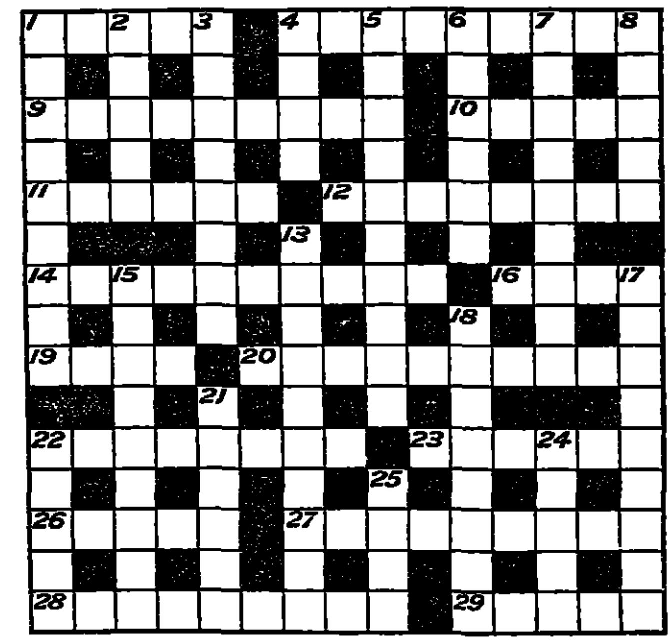
Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Health and Social Security Bill, remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): Debate on diffusion of private property

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,419

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 7 per cent of the competitors at this year's Glasgow regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship.



ACROSS

1 Women could be this silent of old (5).
4 Mad to return with mistress, a horsy type (9).
9 Dinosaur gives us one fertiliser to put on (9).
10 Stop sly fellow swallowing a litre (5).
11 Loophole with watch stoppage (6).
12 Bobby's even tread (8).
14 Adopted particular condition the Football Association backed (10).
16 *Hudson female rejected by this* prince (4).
19 Weaver may appear in threatening form (4).
20 Girl, a dry one, finished alone (10).
22 Drunken Tom – he was, rather (8).
23 Genuine Australian (6).
26 Short cut out of Battersea (5).
27 A Mrs Copperfield – maybe not one for worship (9).
28 *Revolutionaries* who were certainly not believers (9).
29 50-50, new style, follows late PM (5).

DOWN

1 The will – ah, possibly this is the way of it (9).
2 Ruin, ruin – a point to take effect (5).
3 Slight, including deception – that's cheap (8).
4 Surface that may be put on ivory (4).
5 Nuns lament wretched invalid declarations (10).
6 Military boss seen in backward place (6).
7 Model farm in pieces, having bad structure (9).
8 OT musical work (5).
13 Nothing at all sweet (5,5).
15 Frenchman to go steadily in uncomfortable carriage (4-5).
17 Radicals see little money in pigs (9).
18 One who hasn't said "I will" (8).
21 A Western cad in the saddle (6).
22 Took industrial action for the smooth stuff (5).
24 Cut what may be said quickly (5).
25 Stud in a mess (4)

Solution of Puzzle No 16,418

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New Books – Hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Authors by Profession, Volume two 1911-81, by Victor Bonham-Carter (The Bodley Head, £12.50)
Casement, the Flawed Hero, by Roger Sawyer (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £12.50)
Finding the Centre, by V. S. Naipaul (Andre Deutsch, £7.95)
Michelangelo, his Life, Work, and Times, by Linda Murray (Thames & Hudson, £18)
Roman Britain, by Plantagenet Somerset Fry (David & Charles, £14.95)
Six Centuries of Verse, selected and introduced by Anthony Thwaite (Methuen, £12.50, paperback £4.95)
The Abyss, a novel by Marguerite Yourcenar, translated by Grace Frick and the author (Aidan Ellis, £8.95)
The Haunted Mind, by Hallam Tennyson (Andre Deutsch, £12.95)
The Lords of Limit, Essays on Literature and Ideas, by Geoffrey Hill (Andre Deutsch, £12.95)
The Weaker Vessel, Woman's Lot in Seventeenth Century England, by Antonia Fraser (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95)

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Roads

London and South-east: A402: Eastbound traffic reduced to a single lane W of junction with B217 Southampton Lane, Peckham. **Westminster**: Nearside northbound lane occupied in Regent Street, junction Air Street. **A410**: Roadworks at Uxbridge Road, Stanmore.

Midlands and East Anglia: A12: Contraflow on Ipswich to Colchester Road, Bentley, *Suffolk*. **A38**: Diversion via roundabout at Branston, South of Burton on Trent, Staffs. **A143**: Temporary signals at Scole, Norfolk.

Wales and West: A394: Improvement work and temporary traffic signals on Penryn to Marazion and Penryn to Longdons roads. **A4175**: Temporary traffic lights at Kingswood, Bath Road, Bath, Avon. **A370**: Kerbing at Backwell, Bristol to Congresbury Road, Bristol.

North: Temporary traffic signals and single lane traffic on Shaw Road, Oldham; Arnold Street closed. **M6**: Delays on the northbound carriageway between junctions 41 and 44, Cumbria. **A691/A692**: Roadworks on Leadgate by pass, co Durham. **A41**: Delays at Christleton Mill and Great Broughton, Chester.

Scotland: A907: Single lane traffic controlled by lights, West of Kirkcaldy, Fife. **A92**: Single lane traffic with lights on South Road, Cupar, Fife. **A85**: Lights on Riverside Drive at Dundee Airport.

Information supplied by AA.

The papers

The Daily Mirror says that the cold *statistics of Len Murray's time* as General Secretary of the TUC don't add up to a success story. It adds: "But few could have done his job better and there were many who would have done it worse. The influence the TUC won with the Labour Government all disappeared with the coming of the present government and the recession. Unemployment rose remorselessly and there was nothing either he or the TUC could do about it." The *paper points out that he tried to* fight the Government's so-called union reforms and got nowhere. Last autumn he tried to take the unions along the path of the 'New Realism' that meant talking to, and dealing, with the Government. However much they disliked it. "But his New Realism never had a chance against the new elitism in Downing Street. It is probably right for him to go now. But he was the TUC's best possible leader at the worst possible time.

Anniversaries

Births: **Alessandro Scarlatti**, composer, Palermo, Italy, 1660; **Novais** (pseudonym of Friedrich Freiherr von Hardenberg), poet, Oberwaederstedt, Gernay, 1772; **Theodore Herzl**, Zionist, Budapest, 1860. Deaths: **Leonardo da Vinci**, Cloux, France, 1519; **Giacomo Meyerbeer**, composer, Paris, 1864; **Nancy, Viscountess Astor**, first woman to sit in *Parliament*, Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire, 1964.

Today is the Feast of **Saint Athanasius**, Bishop of Alexandria who was born c 296. Throughout his life he was a vigorous opponent of Arianism, his writings and actions resulting in exile and persecution. Athanasius died in 373 at Alexandria.

Inter City extras

British Rail Western Region will be running an extra 37 InterCity trains during the May Day holiday, Friday, May 4 to Monday, May 7. Sixteen of them will link Paddington, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall; eight extras will run between London and South Wales; and six *between London* and Bristol. *In* addition an extra seven trains will run to and from the North-East and South-West.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.58	1.50
Austria Sch	27.90	26.30
Belgium Fr	81.25	77.25
Canada $	1.85	1.78
Denmark Kr	14.45	13.75
Finland Mkk	8.34	7.94
France Fr	11.99	11.49
Germany DM	3.92	3.74
Greece Dr	156.00	146.00
Hongkong $	11.30	10.70
Ireland	1.29	1.22
Italy Lira	2410.00	2310.00
Japan Yen	330.00	314.00
Netherlands Gld	4.44	4.22
Norway Kr	11.30	10.70
Portugal Esc	198.00	188.00
South Africa Rd	2.16	2.00
Spain Pta	216.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	11.65	11.05
Switzerland Fr	3.25	3.08
USA $	1.44	1.39
Yugoslavia Dnr	202.00	183.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 345.1 **London**: The *FT* Index closed up 5.7 at 915.8.

Weather forecast

Pressure will remain low over the near continent. A northeasterly airstream will cover most areas.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, NW, central N England, E, W Midlands, Lake District: Cloudy at first, sunny periods and scattered showers developing; wind NE to moderate, max temp 14C to 15C (57F to 59F).

East Anglia, East, NE England: Mostly cloudy, a little rain in places; wind *northeast light to moderate; max temp* 11C to 13C (52F to 55F).

Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, isolated showers; wind easterly moderate to fresh; max temp 14C (57F).

SW England, S, N Wales, Isle of Man: Sunny periods, isolated showers; wind northeast moderate fresh; max temp 14C to 16C (57F to 61F).

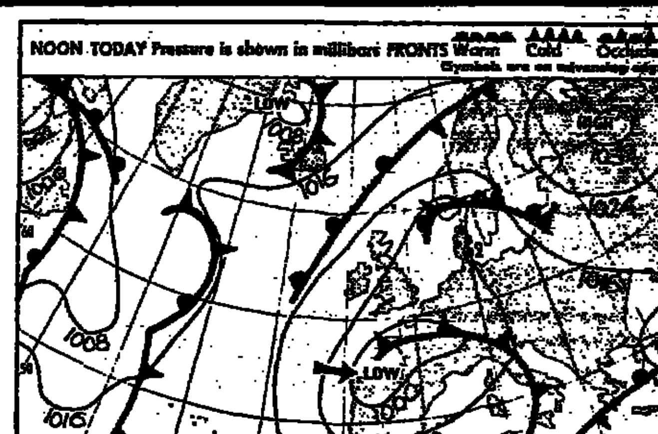
Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Sunny periods, cloudy at times. Wind northeast light to moderate; max temp 11C to 13C (52F to 55F).

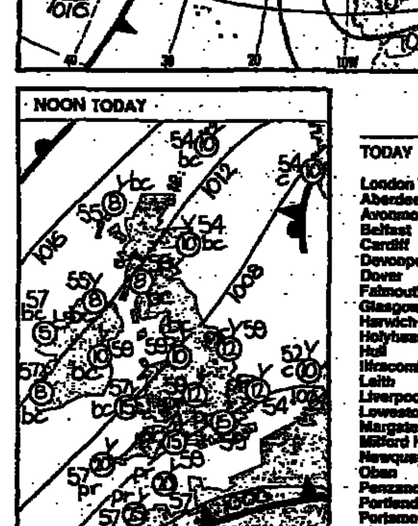
SW, NE, NW, Scotland, Glasgow, C Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Sunny periods, isolated showers. Wind northeast light to moderate; max temp 12C to 15C (54F to 59F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Sunny intervals and showers or longer outbreaks of rain.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind NE Moderate or fresh; sea moderate. **English Channel (E), St George's Channel**: Wind NE fresh to strong; sea rough. **Irish Sea**: Wind NE Moderate or fresh; sea moderate.

Sun rises: 5.30 am **Sun sets:** 8.26 pm
Moon rises: 6.14 am **Moon sets:** 10.10 pm
First quarter May 8.





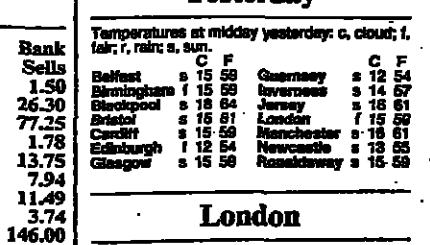
b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

Lighting-up time

London 8.56 pm to 4.59 am
Bristol 9.05 pm to 5.08 am
Edinburgh 9.24 pm to 4.54 am
Manchester 9.11 pm to 5.00 am
Penzance 9.13 pm to 5.25 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.



		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	15	59	Guernsey	s	12	54
Birmingham	f	15	59	Inverness	s	14	57
Blackpool	s	18	64	Jersey	s	16	61
Bristol	s	16	61	*London*	f	15	59
Cardiff	s	15	59	Manchester	s	16	61
Edinburgh	f	12	54	Newcastle	s	13	55
Glasgow	s	15	59	Ronaldsway	s	15	59

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). *Humidity*: 6 pm, 51 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 11.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,005.3 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

Highest and lowest

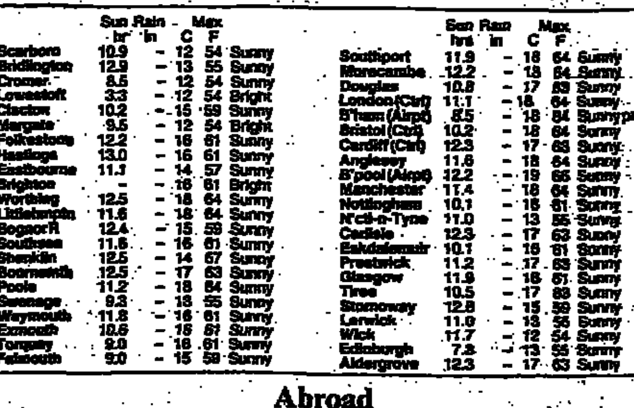
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Crosby, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Tynemouth, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Brize Norton, 0.04in; highest sunshine: Hastings, 13.0hr.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.22	6.9	3.44	7.0
Aberdeen	2.57	4.0	3.01	4.0
Avonmouth	8.52	12.8	9.06	12.8
Belfast	12.26	3.1	12.39	3.1
Cardiff	8.37	11.8	8.51	11.8
Devonport	7.27	5.3	7.48	5.3
Dover	12.20	6.4	12.40	6.3
Falmouth	6.56	5.1	7.16	5.1
Glasgow	2.25	4.4	2.46	4.6
Harwich	1.13	3.9	1.40	4.0
Holyhead	11.57	5.4	–	–
Hull	7.57	7.1	8.12	7.2
Ilfracombe	7.35	8.8	7.50	8.9
Leith	4.07	5.3	4.18	5.4
Liverpool	12.37	9.1	12.54	9.2
Lowestoft	11.21	2.3	11.24	2.4
Margate	1.22	4.6	1.49	4.6
Milford Haven	7.50	6.8	8.04	6.8
Newquay	6.40	6.8	6.54	6.9
Oban	7.20	4.0	7.26	3.9
Penzance	6.23	5.4	6.44	5.4
Portland	8.36	2.0	8.56	2.0
Portsmouth	12.58	4.5	1.07	4.4
Shoreham	12.35	6.0	12.50	5.9
Southampton	12.21	4.5	12.34	4.4
Swansea	7.59	9.2	8.12	9.3
Tees	5.16	5.1	5.24	5.2
Walton-on-Naze	1.01	4.0	1.28	4.1

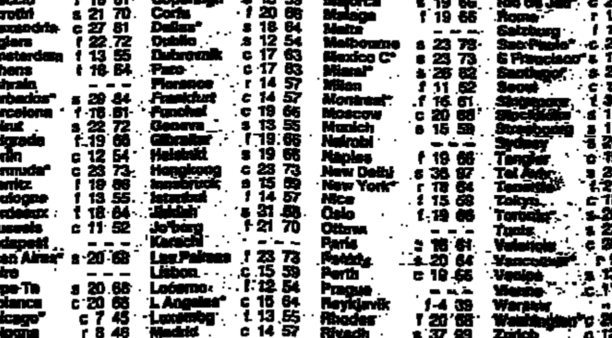
Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	10.9	–	12	54	Sunny
Bridlington	12.9	–	13	55	Sunny
Cromer	8.5	–	12	54	Sunny
Lowestoft	3.3	–	12	54	Bright
Clacton	10.2	–	15	59	Sunny
Margate	9.5	–	12	54	Bright
Folkestone	12.2	–	16	61	Sunny
Hastings	13.0	–	16	61	Sunny
Eastbourne	11.1	–	14	57	Sunny
Brighton	–	–	16	61	Bright
Worthing	12.5	–	18	64	Sunny
Littlehmptn	11.6	–	18	64	Sunny
Bognor R	12.4	–	15	59	Sunny
Southsea	11.6	–	16	61	Sunny
Shanklin	12.5	–	14	57	Sunny
Bournemth	12.5	–	17	63	Sunny
Poole	11.2	–	18	64	Sunny
Swanage	9.3	–	13	55	Sunny
Weymouth	11.8	–	16	61	Sunny
Exmouth	10.6	–	16	61	Sunny
Torquay	9.0	–	16	61	Sunny
Falmouth	9.0	–	15	59	Sunny
Southport	11.9	–	18	64	Sunny
Morecambe	12.2	–	18	64	Sunny
Douglas	10.8	–	17	63	Sunny
London (Ctr)	11.1	–	18	64	Sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	8.5	–	18	64	Sunny pm
Bristol (Ctr)	10.2	–	18	64	Sunny
Cardiff (Ctr)	12.3	–	17	63	Sunny
Anglesey	11.6	–	18	64	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	12.2	–	19	66	Sunny
Manchester	11.4	–	18	64	Sunny
Nottingham	10.1	–	16	61	Sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	11.0	–	13	55	Sunny
Carlisle	12.3	–	17	63	Sunny
Eskdalemuir	10.1	–	16	61	Sunny
Prestwick	11.2	–	17	63	Sunny
Glasgow	11.9	–	16	61	Sunny
Tiree	10.5	–	17	63	Sunny
Stornoway	12.8	–	15	59	Sunny
Lerwick	11.0	–	13	55	Sunny
Wick	11.7	–	12	54	Sunny
Edinburgh	7.3	–	13	55	Sunny
Aldergrove	12.3	–	17	63	Sunny

Abroad



MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	r	16	61	Copenhgn	s	15	59	Majorca	s	19	66	Rio de Jan*	c	26	79
Akrotiri	s	21	70	Corfu	f	20	68	Malaga	f	19	66	Rome	r	16	61
Alexandria	c	27	81	Dallas*	s	18	64	Malta	–	–	–	Salzburg	f	16	61
Algiers	f	22	72	Dublin	s	12	54	Melbourne	s	23	73	Sao Paulo*	c	22	72
Amsterdam	f	13	55	Dubrovnik	c	17	63	Mexico C*	s	23	73	S Francisco*	s	17	63
Athens	f	18	64	Faro	c	17	63	Miami*	s	28	82	Santiago*	s	25	77
Bahrain	–	–	–	Florence	r	14	57	Milan	f	11	52	Seoul	c	15	59
Barbados*	s	29	84	Frankfurt	c	14	57	Montreal*	f	16	61	Singapore	f	31	88
Barcelona	f	16	61	Funchal	c	19	66	Moscow	c	20	68	Stockholm	s	17	63
Beirut	s	22	72	Geneva	s	13	55	Munich	s	15	59	Strasbourg	s	17	63
Belgrade	f	19	66	Gibraltar	f	19	66	Nairobi	–	–	–	Sydney	s	20	68
Berlin	c	12	54	Helsinki	s	19	66	Naples	f	19	66	Tangier	c	19	66
Bermuda*	c	23	73	Hongkong	c	23	73	New Delhi	s	36	97	Tel Aviv	s	28	82
Biarritz	f	19	66	Innsbruck	s	15	59	New York*	r	18	64	Tenerife	f	21	70
Boulogne	f	13	55	Istanbul	f	14	57	Nice	f	15	59	Tokyo	c	18	67
Bordeaux	f	18	64	Jeddah	s	31	88	Oslo	f	19	66	Toronto*	s	20	68
Brussels	c	11	52	Jo'burg	f	21	70	Ottawa	–	–	–	Tunis	s	22	72
Budapest	–	–	–	Karachi	–	–	–	Paris	s	16	61	Valencia	c	20	68
Buen Aires*	s	20	68	Las Palmas	f	23	73	Peking	s	20	64	Vancouver*	r	9	48
Cairo	–	–	–	Lisbon	c	15	59	Perth	c	19	66	Venice	s	13	55
Cape Tn	s	20	68	Locarno	f	12	54	Prague	–	–	–	Vienna	c	11	52
C'blanca	c	20	68	L Angeles*	c	18	64	Reykjavik	f	4	39	Warsaw	–	–	–
Chicago*	c	7	45	Luxembg	f	13	55	Rhodes	f	20	68	Washington*	c	29	85
Cologne	r	8	46	Madrid	c	14	57	Riyadh	s	37	99	Zurich	c	12	54

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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